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CNMI bids Teno farewell

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REPORTER

It was tear-filled day for the Commonwealth yesterday as late governor Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio was laid to rest at the Mount Carmel cemetery.

Friends, family, and members of the community came together at the Mount Carmel Cathedral for the final viewing and Mass and to say goodbye and lay to rest the second and fifth governor of

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The casket of the late governor Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio is wheeled out of the Mount Carmel Cathedral yesterday morning before he was laid to rest at the Mount Carmel Cemetery.
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Stranded fisherman rescued

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Boating officers of the Department of Public Safety rescued a 19-year-old fisherman who was reported missing at Lau Lau Bay Saturday afternoon.

DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said yesterday that the victim's vitals were found normal upon checkup.

Shepard said that DPS dispatch received a call last Saturday at 3:55pm about an overdue fisherman at Lau

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Hawaii vog cuts Marianas visibility

The haze from an erupting volcano in Hawaii has reached the Marianas and is affecting visibility in the region.

According to the National Weather Service in Guam, latest observations across the Marianas is showing reduced visibilities of around 7 miles. This indicates that the volcanic haze being produced by Mount Kilauea has reached the region.

Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island has had molten rock shooting toward

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In this May 23, 2018, photo provided by Chris Stewart the sun sets through "vog," or volcanic smog, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.
AP

Kilili: House to tackle CW bill next week

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CORRESPONDENT

Delegate Gregorio Sablan-Kilili (D-MP) is anxious to face Congress when it resumes session next week so that he and U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT) can work on the passage of a newly introduced bill to extend the CNMI's foreign worker program past 2019 and raise the number of slots for next fiscal year.

Sablan

"Chairman Bishop and I… want to act quickly [on H.R. 5986 or the U.S. Workforce Act of 2018] when Congress returns next week," said Sablan in a news briefing at his office yesterday. "I know everyone here is anxious because I am."

Bishop is chairman of the

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Former Governor Teno is Laid to Rest

PHOTOS By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Former governor Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio's casket is sealed during the interment ceremony yesterday at the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

Commonwealth dignitaries are left teary eyed during the late governor Pedro P. Tenorio's interment ceremony yesterday at the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

Late governor Pedro P. Tenorio's casket is escorted by family members during his interment ceremony yesterday at the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

Commonwealth dignitaries escort late governor Pedro P. Tenorio to his final resting place as part of his interment ceremony yesterday at the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa.

The Department of Public Safety lays to rest the casket of former governor Pedro P. Tenorio in his burial spot at the Mount Carmel cemetery.

Family, friends, and community members offer their final gifts as late governor Pedro P. Tenorio's casket is lowered into the ground at the Mt. Carmel cemetery.

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Hormel: No contaminants in canned products in Micronesia

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Hormel Foods Corp. clarified Monday that all of their canned meat products that were shipped to Micronesia are not included in the recall that was done in the U.S. mainland. More than 220,000 lbs of its 12-oz Spam Classic and Black Label Luncheon Loaf were included in the recall.

HFC quality management vice president Richard A. Carlson issued the statement from Hormel's head office in Austin, Minnesota, after the company recalled more than 220,000 lbs of Spam Classic

and Black Label Luncheon Loaf in the entire U.S.

He said the letter was just an assurance that Micronesia was not part of the recall. "You may have seen a recent recall announcement concerning a limited amount of 340g (12oz) Spam Classic ad 12oz Black Label Luncheon Loaf."

"This letter is being provided to verify that we did not ship any of the affected product to Saipan, Palau, and [the rest of] Micronesia," Carlson said.

He added that they would continue to strive to make sure they would come up with the best products to satisfy their customers.

"At [HFC], we continuously strive to produce products that are high quality, food safe, and meet or exceed the expectations of our customers and consumers," said Carlson.

Further questions should be directed to Dickerson & Quinn resident manager Max Kretzers.

D&Q is a sister company of *Saipan Tribune* and one of TanHoldings' several business units in the CNMI. They are the official distributor of HFC products, including Spam and Black Label, in the CNMI and Micronesia.

Separately, Kretzers said last Sunday that they immediately checked the batch of the popular brand in D&Q's warehouse in Lower Base and in stores that sell the product. They found out that the products are safe to eat.

HFC recalled thousands of cans of Spam and Black Label after the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service received complaints that metal shavings were found in some of their products.

Cans of Spam that should not be eaten have the EST 199N designation due to the risk of oral injuries. The cans have February 2021 as its "Best By" date and have the production codes of F020881 to F020889.

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KILILI

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House Natural Resources Committee.

Bishop introduced H.R. 5986 over the weekend, with Sablan as co-sponsor, after Sen. Lisa Murkowski's bill, also known as S. 2325 or the U.S. Northern Marianas Workforce Act, got snagged by a parliamentary problem in the House.

"Sen. Murkowski's bill got hung up because the Trump administration wanted an anti-fraud fee, which is understandable, given all the problems with the ghost permits and people coming in as tourists to actually work. That was going on at the time that we were working on the bill," Sablan said.

"We knew about the bill having this 'blue slip' issue. It's a constitutional issue wherein bills having revenues or increasing revenues has to originate from the House…The House Parliamentarian has ruled that the anti-fraud fee is a revenue… it's a Ways and Means issue and there was just no way that we could work on the Murkowski bill," he added.

According to Sablan, their other option was to use the bill he earlier introduced in the U.S. House—essentially a copy of Murkowski's bill—after making the necessary revisions.

"We could have used my bill to make the change, pass it, and send it back to the Senate if the language is exactly the same then it shouldn't be a problem. But we have to realize that the Workforce Act is an immigration bill and we have been able to treat it as a territories bill that it stays in Natural Resources," he said.

Sablan said that various agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security and the current administration asked for the anti-fraud requirement.

"It is basically the same language but we rewrote the anti-fraud fee. In the beginning, it was just for DHS but now it's for DHS, U.S. Department of Labor, and State Department because they have functions in this as they are involved in the process of the CW petitions where the interview if performed in the country of origin of the worker. They are going to share the $50 fee," he added.

Sablan emphasized the importance of having the bill be a bipartisan measure.

"This is something that government leaders here don't seem to get when I say bipartisan. I am not trying to take credit. Although the Marianas congressional office drafted the original bill that Sen. Murkowski introduced in the Senate and I introduced in the House, I just know how important… a bipartisan bill is because, if it's not a bipartisan bill, the Democrats will not let it through the Senate," he said.

Sablan is confident that the bill will head to the Senate after passing through the House next week.

"Now we have to pass the bill in the House where we need two-thirds vote of the majority of the members holding present and voting. Right now we have 430 members and five vacancies, so two-thirds is about 288," he said.

He expects the bill to be smooth sailing in the U.S. Senate as "they already passed it before."

"This is something that the government leaders here don't seem to get, as when I say bipartisan, I am not trying to take credit," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) at a news conference yesterday at his office in Susupe

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the sky, lava oozing from the ground and ash clouds rising miles into the air in the past three weeks.

According to Google, Hawaii is 3,857 miles away from the Marianas region.

Satellite imagery compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point shows a dense plume of haze spanning the central Pacific that becomes more diffused closer to the Marianas. The haze is being carried along by the east-northeast trade winds.

Winds are expected to continue bringing haze into the Marianas the next couple of days.

A trough in the central Pacific is expected to redirect haze farther to the north later this week, reducing the haze in the Marianas.

Scientists say higher sulfur dioxide emissions recorded at the volcano's vents in recent days are creating the potential for heavier than usual vog, or volcanic smog. So far, trade winds have been mostly blowing the gray haze offshore.

Residents across the Marianas region should continue to monitor information from their local emergency management offices and the National Weather Service. Residents with respiratory health problems should stay indoors and minimize time outdoors when haze is seen. Mariners and pilots should be aware of slightly lower visibilities caused by this haze.

Symptoms for generally healthy people can include burning eyes, headaches and sore throats. But those with asthma or other respiratory problems can end up hospitalized. Those who are healthy, physically active and don't smoke can usually tolerate basic symptoms.

Volcanic smog, or air pollution, is created by vapor, carbon dioxide and sulfur dioxide gas released from Kilauea. It reacts in the atmosphere with oxygen, sunlight, moisture and other gases and particles. In a matter of hours or days, it converts to fine particles that scatter sunlight, creating a haze that can be seen downwind of Kilauea, according to The Interagency Vog Dashboard, which is made up of Hawaii, U.S. and international agencies.

The U.S. Geological Survey said sulfur dioxide emissions from the volcano have more than doubled since the current eruption began.

Kilauea was belching 15,000 tons (13,607 metric tons) of the gas each day, up from 6,000 tons (5,443 metric tons) daily prior to the May 3 eruption. People living miles from the eruption are paying attention to the amount of noxious fumes pouring out of the volcano because it creates potential for more vog.

CNMI residents are being advised to stay informed on the latest statements and advisories that will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 1625 megahertz, or call the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000 or 664-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. ***(EOC/With AP)***

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Lau Bay. Boating Safety Unit officers responded and arrived at the scene at 4:05pm.

The 911 caller said he and five friends were spearfishing at Lau Lau Bay starting at 9am. However, when the group returned from the channel at noon, it was learned that the victim was missing.

DPS Boating Safety launched its rescue vessel, *Impact*, from Smiling Cove Marina and the *Six* jet boat from the Lau Lau Bay dive site at 4:10pm.

Shepard said the officers found the missing fisherman alive near the area where he was last seen at 4:55pm.

Shepard said the victim was not injured and was only waiting for his companions. The victim was loaded on the *Six* jet boat and brought back to the Lau Lau dve site.

Last April 17, a 53-year-old Japanese male reportedly drowned while diving at Lau Lau Bay.

Last March 9, Tian Tao, a 32-year-old Chinese male tourist drowned while swimming at Lau Lau Bay.

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the Commonwealth.

Tenorio's final viewing and traditional Christian interment ceremony started at 7:30am with a final viewing followed by a Mass at 11pm. After the Mass, Tenorio's casket was escorted by hundreds of individuals, on foot, to his final resting place in the heart of the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Bishop Ryan Jimenez, who led the interment Mass, eulogized Tenorio, fondly known as Teno, saying he lived a full life of service and was blessed with time to serve his community, find love, establish a family, and see his children grow before he passed on.

"God gave us all the gift of time…Teno lived his life to the fullest because God blessed him with the gift of time—a time to serve, a time to love, a time to grow in faith," he said.

Jimenez said that thae prevailing theme in Tenorio's long-lived life appears to be his devotion to serving those around him.

"He really couldn't retire from his service to others because he enlisted another method to serve. In the last few years before his hospital care, he kept a daily routine of visiting all churches on Saipan… to pray for everyone," he said.

Jimenez also mentioned that Tenorio was a man of few words but when he did use his words, each mattered.

Superior Court Associate Judge Theresa Kim-Tenorio, daughter-in-law of Tenorio, delivered the family's remarks during the ceremony where she said, on behalf of the family, how grateful she is for the love and support that was shown by all those who participated in Tenorio's final viewing and interment ceremony.

"Over the past…days, those we had the opportunity to speak with shared wonderful stories of dad. Your stories brought us comfort, joy, and peace…during this time of need" she said.

Kim-Tenorio also mentioned that Tenorio also tended to put the needs of others before his own and that is what his friends, his family, and the community that he served will remember him for.

Tenorio's interment ceremony was also participated by Commonwealth dignitaries led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), and others.

As a tribute to Tenorio and his years of public service, the Department of Public Safety rendered a 21-gun salute and Torres presented Tenorio's family with the state flag.

Tenorio passed away early Monday morning, May 21, at the Commonwealth Health Center due to old age and other complications. He was 84.

Tenorio was the only governor to have held the gubernatorial position for three terms (1982 to 1986, 1986 to 1990, and 1998 to 2002).

Tenorio served as a member of the Congress of Micronesia House of Representatives during the Trust Territory days of the CNMI before later serving the 1st CNMI Legislature as a senator representing Saipan from 1978 to 1980. He was also Senate vice president and Senate Programs Committee chairman for the 1st CNMI Legislature.

From 1980 to 1982, Tenorio served his second term as a Saipan senator for the 2nd CNMI Legislature as Senate president, before being sworn in as chief executive for the CNMI in 1982.

Tenorio was re-elected for the gubernatorial position in 1985 before being elected for a third term as CNMI governor in 1997.

Tenorio was the fourth eldest of eight children to the late Blas P. Tenorio and the late Guadalupe S. Pangelinan. Tenorio is survived by siblings Cecilia, Juan, and Ramona; children Peter Michael, Ruth, Patrick James, Paul Gilbert, Perry John, Reina Sophia, Roslyn, and Rebecca; and wife Sophia.

Speeding truck kills drunk pedestrian

A speeding pickup truck being driven by a male teenager who was allegedly intoxicated hit and killed a heavily drunk male pedestrian along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in front of the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan early Sunday morning.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said yesterday that the pedestrian sustained multiple injuries and was pronounced dead at CHC at 6:23am.

No other descriptions were given about the victim.

Shepard said the driver, 18-year-old Alvin Limes Pua, and his female passenger were treated at CHC for injuries.

Pua was later arrested after he tested positive for consuming alcohol over the legal limit.

Shepard said Pua was speeding and unlicensed at the time of the crash.

A male caller phoned 911 Sunday at 4:26am to report a vehicle crashed and overturned in front of the Commonwealth Health Center.

Shepard said the crash occurred in the southbound outer lane, and northbound shoulder of Chalan Pale Arnold Road.

According to several witnesses, the pedestrian, who appeared heavily drunk, was walking south when a beige pickup truck hit him.

"This case is still under investigation," Shepard said.

Last April 1, a 38-year-old man was hit and killed during a hit-and-run incident involving a sports utility vehicle at the intersection of Chalan Pale Arnold Road and As Mahetog near the Saipan Ice and Water Co.

The victim, a local Chinese, sustained several injuries and was pronounced dead by an attending physician at CHC.

David Desebel Kapileo, 50, the alleged driver of the SUV, was arrested last Friday on charges of homicide by vehicle, violating the speed limit, reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of alcohol. He is still in detention after failing to post a $100,000 cash bail. ***(Ferdie De La Torre)***

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Man admits to making crystal meth

David Muña Sablan pleaded guilty yesterday in federal court in connection with the two bags that he left behind in Garapan that were found to contain chemicals and items used in making methamphetamine or "ice."

Sablan, 38, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The offense carries a maximum penalty of not more than 20 years in prison, a fine not to exceed $1 million, supervised release, restitution, and a $100 special penalty assessment.

Sablan will be sentenced on Sept. 7, 2018.

Janet H. King is the court-appointed counsel for Sablan. Assistant U.S. Attorney Garth Backe is prosecuting the case.

Some police officers who were victims in this case were also in the courtroom.

In his admission, Sablan said that he conspired with at least one other person last March 15 to manufacture methamphetamine

Allegedly at the instruction of another person, Sablan obtained items such as lye, lighter fluid, plastic bottles, and tubing, to make methamphetamine outside the Best Poker arcade in Garapan last March 15 using the makeshift "shake and bake" method.

As part of the plan, Sablan was supposed to get some of the "ice" for his personal consumption and that another person would get the rest to sell to others.

Sablan admitted purchasing pseudoephedrine at local pharmacies last Jan. 13 and Jan. 15 twice, and last Jan. 22, for the purpose of making methamphetamine.

Sablan threw behind a backpack and a bag that contained chemicals and items used in making "ice" during a police chase in Garapan last March 15. Four police officers complained of nausea and dizziness, and vomited after opening the bag and inhaling the chemicals.

The case is being handled by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona. ***(Ferdie De La Torre)***

Man, 59, allegedly gropes minor

A 59-year-old man was arrested over the weekend on Tinian for allegedly inappropriately touching the privates of a 14-year-old girl who has disability.

Emilio Navalta Racraquin was taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on charges of sexual assault of a minor in the second degree and child abuse.

A $10,000 cash bail was imposed on Racraquin. Preliminary hearing will be on June 5 at 1:30pm.

Police responded to a home on Turney Housing on Tinian last Saturday, where they met a woman who complained that Racraquin groped her daughter.

A witness told police in an interview that he saw Racraquin touching the child's privates last Friday night. The witness said that when Racraquin saw him, he moved his hands from the girl's privates and began massaging the child's shoulder.

The witness then went outside the house and saw the suspect through the window groping the child again.

Another witness came and when he saw the suspect's sexual advances, he yelled at him.

During police interview, Racraquin admitted touching the girl's private, saying she asked him to massage and kiss her. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Seung Jin Paik-8th grade
Moon Zeng-8th grade
Rose Zhou-8th grade

"B" HONOR ROLL 3.00 TO 3.49 (NO GRADES BELOW A C)

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Alcohol use is linked not just to liver cancer, but to a number of other types, including head and neck, esophageal, breast, and colorectal.

4 Know Your Family History
If there is a strong history of cancer in your family, talk with your physician about genetic counseling.

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'Zoning critical to island's development'

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REPORTER

Proper zoning on Saipan is critical for the development of other areas on the island, according to Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), adding that it adds value to surrounding communities.

Palacios was the author of Senate Bill 20-2 that became Public Law 20-20 when Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed it last October. P.L. 20-20 established the Office of Planning and Development under the Governor's Office.

"Zoning has been in existence for almost 10 years. The [Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative] Delegation has plenary power to change it, according to the law," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*. "And right now, things have been moving fast so we need to take a look at the overall development."

He said that development would have a big impact on roads, traffic, power, and water. That's where OPD would come in, to study and prepare critical areas for development.

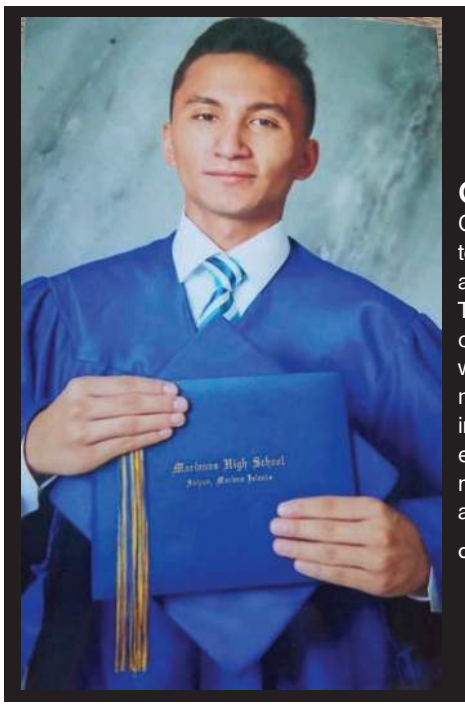
"[We need] to spread [development projects] out across the island, so the impact is not only concentrated in one area and the economic benefits could spill over to the surrounding communities," added Palacios.

He said the CNMI should have an overall plan that everybody would agree on—land use planning, long leases, and private land development. "Especially in critical areas like housing development for our people, to certain types of business activities in our villages."

"It underscores the need for an overall plan that we can all agree on. Certainly, the plan is not going to be etched in stone; it is going to be flexible. Adjustments will be made but that is what the whole intent of [OPD] is, not just to establish an office."

Palacios said OPD also aims to establish an institutionalized system. "Where things are appropriately taken in consideration of what the community needs."

"And what is the best practice in developing a community that can sustain its development and quality of life. So, it underscores the need for something like that."



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Twin tops Tinian Jr. High promotees

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CIELO CITLALLI LONG
Valedictorian
Board of Education Award

ISA HA'ANI LONG
Salutatorian
Commissioner's Award

Twin sisters Cielo Citlalli and Isa Ha'ani Long finished as the Top 2 in their 2018 middle school class in yesterday's Tinian Junior/Senior High School Promotion. Cielo was the class valedictorian, while Isa was salutatorian.

The Long sisters, the daughters of Tinian Municipal Council member Philip Mendiola and Arley Guttierrez Long, led 24 of their 8th grade classmates who were promoted to senior high for the 2022 class.

Devin Vincent Gaza Cing, Samanta Manuel Sandbergen, Chit Alain Llanora Acollador, Emiliana Anastasia Famaw King, Colleen Michelle San Nicolas Cing, Mia Cloe Linis Danganan, Matt Edison Salvosa Soliva, and Malinao Tasi Quitugua Palacios are also in the Top 10.

In her valedictory address, Cielo said that completing junior high is an important milestone but their journey hasn't ended yet. "Our tremendous hours of hard work have finally paid off [but] that doesn't mean it has come to an end. Trust me, we still have four more years. This is where it all starts: where we finally say goodbye to the years of ease and not having to worry about our future just yet and say hello to the four years that will determine our future."

She also stressed among her fellow 8th graders the value of education. "I see future educators, politicians, incredibly talented musicians, and who knows, maybe even the future president from the students sitting right before me. Put in the effort and overachieve, because in the end it'll all be worth it."

Isa, in her address, said, "The skills we've learned through our junior high years will carry on with us through high school and will come even more in handy later in life." CNMI State Board of Education Tinian representative Florine Hofschneider said it is part of their responsibility to make sure each of the students' dreams would come true. "Let us stand behind them and let us say all together that we can do it. Ninth grade begins the judgment day for you. Be served notice that your work toward college begins in 9th grade," Hofschneider added.

Public School System associate commissioner Jackie Quitugua told the students that they need lots of courage and patience, and at the same time learn from every mistake that they would commit. "We are who we are because of the many people who influenced us. Tuck them tightly in your heart and thank them for being there for you when you dream of possibilities."

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MCS Class of 1968 preps for 50th anniversary

Mt. Carmel School's Class of 1968 is preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation on June 3, the day of their graduation, starting with a Thanksgiving Mass by Bishop Ryan A. Jimenez, at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 9a.m.

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Members of Mt. Carmel School's Class of 1968 are going to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

According to class chair Rita Cabrera Guerrero, the year when they graduated from MCS, 1968, is a year that many will still recall as the year when one of the most powerful typhoon struck Saipan.

Despite the total destruction Super Typhoon Jean wrought on the Mt. Carmel campus in April 1968, the students were able to complete their class requirements under very challenging circumstances. There were no classrooms, books and other instructional materials, water, and power for several months. That year's class yearbook depict the typhoon damage alongside the photos of the graduates and undergraduates. The community, especially the parents, the Mercedarian nuns, and U.S. Peace Corps volunteers helped rebuild the school.

Some members of the class visited with the graduating seniors in April of this year to share their experiences during and after their years at Mt. Carmel and to provide words of encouragement and support to the students as they prepare to pursue their individual dreams in life.

Over the years, the Class of 1968 embarked on several projects to help their alma mater such as reconstruction, fencing and landscaping of the Grotto shrine in October 1997 and providing four years of scholarships to seniors and eighth graders.

For 2018, the class will help install the lighting for the shrine of Mary, which is located by the administration building for the youth basketball, ballet classes, and other events held in evenings.

The entire Mount Carmel family is invited to join the Mass scheduled for June 3, 2018.

Updates for this event will be announced in the future. For more information, contact Guerrero at ritaguerrero@gmail.com or call 989-0885. ***(PR)***

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'Every day is Memorial Day': A lifetime of grief for a soldier's son

There's a heroic tale to tell about the Korean War service and sacrifice of Army Maj. Charles A. Newman, a tank commander from Glenview who led an assault on Chinese forces in May 1951.

The story, appropriate for Memorial Day, involves bravery under fire and an impatient general who goads Newman while waving a swagger stick. "Get those god-damned tanks on the road and keep going until you hit a mine," Lt. Gen. Edward Almond ordered. Newman got going, seized a bridgehead and thereby earned a place in military history books.

Three months later Newman was killed at the Battle of Bloody Ridge. He was 35. The Chicago Tribune reported the news on Sept. 26, 1951. The short article noted that Newman left behind a widow, Frances, and four sons, the youngest of whom, Stephen, the major never met.

There ends the public version of events connected to Newman's death. Privately, an American family was irrevocably changed. Stephen Newman, born at Great Lakes Naval Training Center hospital after his father departed for Korea, is 67 years old today. He continues to feel the loss of the father he never knew.

Two calendar dates are especially difficult: Aug. 19, when his father was killed, and Memorial Day. "I just sort of pass on it," Newman tells us about the holiday to commemorate war dead. The scheduled sentiment rankles him. "I've got all the Memorial Days I need in the other 364 days a year."

After discovering the Tribune news clipping, we located Newman in Northern California. We wanted to learn more about his father as a way of honoring all fallen service members. We also wanted to understand Memorial Day from the perspective of a surviving son, out of respect for the origin of a holiday that tends to emphasize barbecues and mattress sales over mourning. It was an emotional conversation that makes for raw reading.

Stephen Newman's reflections are tinged with sadness and resentment. All these years later he struggles with the question of why his father, a World War II vet, chose to leave his wife and young family to fight in another war. "He could have opted out, but he chose not to," Newman says. "There's a question that kind of hangs over me: You've got that many kids at home and one fresh out of the oven. Why'd he go fight the war? It's a young man's game. Why would he do that? I think it had to do with his feelings about the military as an extended family. I can only speculate."

Newman said public expressions of support for military vets and families do not ameliorate that hurt. Yes, veterans earn the thanks of Americans, while the fallen receive eternal honor—Newman understands those shows of respect. But it's not compensatory. Memorial Day gestures of gratitude feel especially empty. "There's no amount of patriotic songs or parades or bad music that's going to put a Band-Aid over it," he says. "It's there for the rest of my life."

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By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the* Saipan Tribune.

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Estague` kase mina silensiu trabiha i señgsoñg siha. Entre mauleg yan ti mauleg na asuntu siha man-matotpe gi pinetsigen planun kada unu. Para pa`gu hu pega este gi santatte na betsaghu para tane` gi barandan santatte.

Yine`ase`: Che`chu` yine`ase` mit buettas regaluña `an ha birague` tatte giya hita. Ti hunanañga na u fattu tatte kumu kontentu konsensiag-hu. Tai atparehu pas yan katma hinassomu pot gasgas yan sinsiyu i gineftau ayudumu ginen korasonmu. Dispues, mauleg para petsonat na induthensia.

Gineftau gaige patte gi kutturan tautau tanu`. Mañgontentu hit umasegura na ta ayuda i namase` ke para ta hasñgun umupus. Estague` namagofña sensian natibu maseha ñgai`an na tiempu.

**Inamko`ta:** Kada unu u fattu gi tagfe`na na idat `nai fuetsau ta asimula hinemlo`ta. Ta atan desde fuetsan tatautau-ta, hinassota yan todu ni hagas manfitme antes. Siña ha` manatma hinasso-ta lau esta taigue fuetsan hoben.

Magahet na hunana`e animu kumalamten pot no u chadeg mantinake` koyenturahu siha. Ti bai fanagu machuli`e haf na nesessidat. Guahu kahuhulu` fumalague sin ditension. Debi tafañgalamten gi duranten ha`ane.

Gi atbansau na idat guaha siempre siha pinadese para tafana`. Gigon gai dinida hau ni kondision-mu mauleg in` ali`e yan mediku pot aseguridat. Cha`mu fama memediku pot gago`mu malag i hospitat `sino clinic.

Muñga manhinalañg sa patte i para tafan amku`. Ni haf` ya tachogue ti umahñau. Na`e animu muna` kalamten parehu usun kabesa yan tatautau miyu. Listuyu` para haf` mamamaila`.

Disareglu: Gi alacha, malagnos areglu para umana` fañuha makinan poker siha gi señgsoñg. Bonitu sa` mana` gasgas i komunida.

Pa`gu, otru areglu para umabira tatte i dañosu na makina gi señgsoñg `nai man-estaba antes. Hafa na estreyas lini`e miyu na para in` ta`lun muna` aplacha yan umestotba i pas gi halum komunida? Kau este uttimu nina` siñan kabesan miyu?

Lokue`, kuantu na tautau hiyuñg para u fan ma-emplea `an mabira tatte i makina gi señgsoñg siha? Mauleg sa` pot konbiñiente niha ya ti trañkilidat i tautau siha gi lugat niha? Todu este na che`chu` tramposu na disareglu guine?

Inapayune: Regulatmiente, gigon makmata `an chatagmag ensegidas hana` lagu i kafe. Dispues, ha chule` dos pusuelu ya hana`yiye. Ha pega i unu para i asaguaña i otru para guiya. Dispues ha repara na esta taigue teñguañgña pot madispone gi alacha.

Ha siente i amku` na guaha mata`chuñg gi siyan asaguaña. Buente señat ginen i amku` pot agradesimientu. Lau pinayun dos mauleg na umasagua ni umapayune kustumbre gi inamku` niha. Hinanau dos pajaru!

**Agupa`:** Bes enkuando hu bisisita un` tiuhu gi lanchoña pot mamaisa i amku`. Hagas madispone teñguañgña. Tai famaguon. Fuera de che`chu` fangualuan, hagas mauleg na peskadot. Pa`gu na tiempu ha limitte gi talaya.

Un` amku` ni fitme gi ha`aniña desde obligasion petsonat esta i linala` espirituat. Diariu ha attetende misan oga`an.

Un` biahe ha repara na mampus poduñg sentimentog-hu. Ilegña, "Muñga nina` chatsaga pog minachum atdau sa` siempre gi hemhum mapagahes u fañila` ma`lag i pueñge." Kulan kandet esperansa, miyon yan miyon, na pution gi lañget.

Suanu yan ma`ug na finu` amku` ni chettun gi hinassog-hu. Gi katma `nai mamaisayu`, guaha `nai hoñga ekun fino`ña giya guahu. Hu agradese piot i sasañgaña gi amtau yan suanu na dopbladan palabran amku`. Añgoghuyun!

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In memory of a devoted public servant

Editor's Note: The following is the statement issued by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on the passing of former governor Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio, who was interred yesterday.

By RALPH DLG. TORRES
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ralph DLG Torres is governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Diann, my family, and I join the Commonwealth in mourning the passing of Honorable Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio. Our prayers are with his wife Sophie, his children, his family, and everyone who has had the privilege to meet and experience the passion this statesman had for our people and our islands.

Governor Teno was a true statesman in every sense of the word. His commitment to our islands and our people was evident even before this Commonwealth was even created. He was a former member of the Congress of Micronesia during the Trust Territory days. Later, he served our Commonwealth in the 1st Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature as a senator and eventually became president of the Senate in the 2nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. He became our second governor from 1982 to 1990, and made history in 1998 by being elected a third time by our people.

His leadership qualities represented the people he served as he worked tirelessly to provide a strong foundation for our young Commonwealth. Heading into the new millennium, he addressed the government's dismal financial condition, reduced the deficit, and generated surpluses during his third term as governor. He oversaw the largest number of visitor arrivals to our islands and the peak of our Japanese tourism market. He improved our relationship with the federal government by seeking cooperation to help fix the Commonwealth's labor and immigration. He also advocated for increased federal grant money to improve our islands' infrastructure for the future, and it is represented everyday when we walk into the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, a structure named in honor of him.

But it was not just his service to the Commonwealth that made him special. It was his unquestioned love and passion for the Northern Mariana Islands and its people that made him memorable. There were certain qualities about him that one could not find in many people, and governor Teno had that and more.

Diann and I visited governor Teno just before his passing, and we are very saddened by a big loss for our islands. But we are very thankful for all the work he has done for the Commonwealth. I sincerely thank him for all his dedication at the very beginning of our Commonwealth, and we continue to support programs he began. He will not be forgotten.

This Commonwealth will forever remember one of its most devoted public servants as a man, whose dedication, intelligence, and integrity provided a foundation for our islands' future progress.

Governor Pedro "Teno" Pangelinan Tenorio has gone home now to his eternal home in the loving arms of our dear Lord. He leaves us with the memories he gave us, the great deeds that he did, and the impact he had on every single person who ever met him. But most importantly, he left us a foundation for governance and service so that we can work toward creating a better life for the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Our islands will miss him dearly.

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

More bigly lies

Bigly Lies Big Tweets Gone to 45's Head

"Truth is the trial itself, and needs no other touch: and purer than the purest gold, refine it ne'er so much."
—Ben Jonson (1572-1637)

Bigly problems complaining about draining the DC swamp
bigly lies like swamp quicksand and water you can't drink
he could benefit with common sense from Forrest Gump
more lies give him less wiggle room and the deeper he sinks
45's bigly tweets get longer and longer and wronger every day
many have absolutely nothing to do with the national situation
about personal problems he keeps repeating what he has to say
blabbing insults on a daily basis ruining the POTUS' reputation
his favorite targets are great American democratic institutions
constantly insulting the administration of the FBI and the DOJ
meanwhile makes hidden restitution to porn stars and prostitution
hypocritically bows his head with others on National Prayer Day
more bigly lies and more bigly tweets have gone to 45's head.

Anticipating the Time of my Subpoenas

"To leave poor me, thou hast the strength of laws..."
—William Shakespeare, sonnet 49

In anticipating the time of my subpoenas and indictment
when I will frown at the Special Counselor's questions
when I face my ultimate demise without excitement
as the grand jury or judge heed the laws suggestions
when I'll be looked upon with scorn by the nation
when my prosecutors succeed and win every argument
my lies uncovered about each and every situation
and finally bear the burden of the systems judgement
I stand before the country while facing the court
guilty of all charged but in denial to the lying media
calling it a hoax, a witch hunt, another fake news report
my tweets about it fill volumes of a cyber encyclopedia
to prove "poor me" guilty you have "the strength of laws"
with more than three thousand lies I follow perfidy's cause.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CCA mourns devastating loss of Patty

Patty Kaipat dedicated her life to the war against cancer. As an advocate, she spent countless hours organizing outreach events at schools, homes, churches, businesses, and government offices driving the mission of our organization, encouraging the members of the community to get screened for cancer, promoting education about all types of cancers and their risk factors, advocating for better laws to protect our children and help create healthier communities, and simply giving hope and relief to those fighting cancer.

As a patient navigator, she helped hundreds, if not thousands, of cancer patients, caretakers, and family members through their own fight to defeat cancer. And never once have I heard her complain about the enormous workload presented to her, because to Patty every life mattered. Every single one. She gave her time, energy, and soul to help everyone who came into our organization. Her gentle yet energetic demeanor made it easy for her to connect with literally anyone. Even when she knew she was ill she still wanted to come to work because she said her patients needed her. And when she no longer had the energy to come into the office, she was insistent to use her phone to text or call our patients. She fought for her community until the very end. That was the type of heart and selflessness we all knew that characterized Patty.

I join my board of directors, our executive director, our MMAC committee and members of our organization in mourning the loss of Patty. She was a tireless, energetic warrior who didn't know how to quit. We will miss her dearly. We also extend our deepest condolences and prayers to her family and to her five children.

Rest in paradise, Patty. We love you.

Bo Palacios
President, Commonwealth Cancer Association

Should CWs go?

I was probably in the second grade when I first heard about this issue. This issue has been around for over 10 years now but the real question is: Has there been any improvements?

The CW program gives many foreigners a chance to work but the permits were set at only 10,500 by 2024. As a result, this would break families apart. Many of these workers have been contributing members of the CNMI for 10, 20, even 30 years and more and they are granted zero compassion and are made to exit as soon as the caps are reached.

One argument is that CW workers take jobs from local people and make up too much of the population. However, what will happen when they repatriate most of these CW workers? The island will lose its manpower and the islands' population will decrease dramatically.

I think the real issue here is that this situation is breaking families apart. It jeopardizes the futures of our younger generation. Many employers have renewed the contracts of many workers for decades and, as a result, many have planted roots and have started families here. Sending parents away means that their U.S.-born children would have to follow them back to places that are foreign to them.

If we speak strictly about jobs, then sending our long-time foreign workers away only impedes our economy. Having to re-hire and re-train, complicates the situation even more because it simply is not feasible. Sending our foreign workers away would only cause a crisis in the economy.

I think that the solution is for the local government to grant our foreign workers who have been living on island for more than 10 years a status that gives them residency. By giving our CW workers this status, it minimizes the worries of their families and the community. By providing them a certain status that allows them to retain residency, it allows these families to stay together and provide our current generation of U.S. citizens a future they deserve.

Kathleen Lacanilao
Koblerville, Saipan

MEMORIAL

From Page 10

Charles Newman fought in Europe during World War II. He remained in Germany afterward with occupation forces, joined by his family. Then in 1947, a tragedy occurred: His 2-year-old son, Richard, was struck and killed by a military vehicle. The Newmans returned to the United States a year later. They settled in Glenview. Charles Newman taught military science at South Shore High School until leaving for Korea in late 1950.

Maj. Newman is recognized in Korean War histories for taking the point in a May 24, 1951, probing operation sometimes known as Task Force Gerhardt. At Gen. Almond's urging, Newman's advance guard with four tanks raced up a road and bombarded Chinese troops with fire to reach their objective at the Soyang River. The enemy "went to pieces after the first three or four miles," Charles Newman said afterward.

We were gratified to find Newman's name in the historical record. Gallantry should be recognized, and sacrifice should be respected. The major deserves acknowledgment on Memorial Day.

But as a surviving son, Stephen Newman makes a separate request. He wants Americans to give more consideration to the foreign policy decisions that put military lives at risk: Do the research. Read. Be a thoughtful voter. Don't deal in "cheap, sentimental" cliches of patriotism.

"Does nobody appreciate the fact that somebody's son, daughter, aunt or uncle is going to die? If it was your son or daughter, would you think it's worth the price? We don't ask ourselves that question often enough."

Maj. Charles Newman has been dead for nearly 67 years. Stephen Newman is still paying a price.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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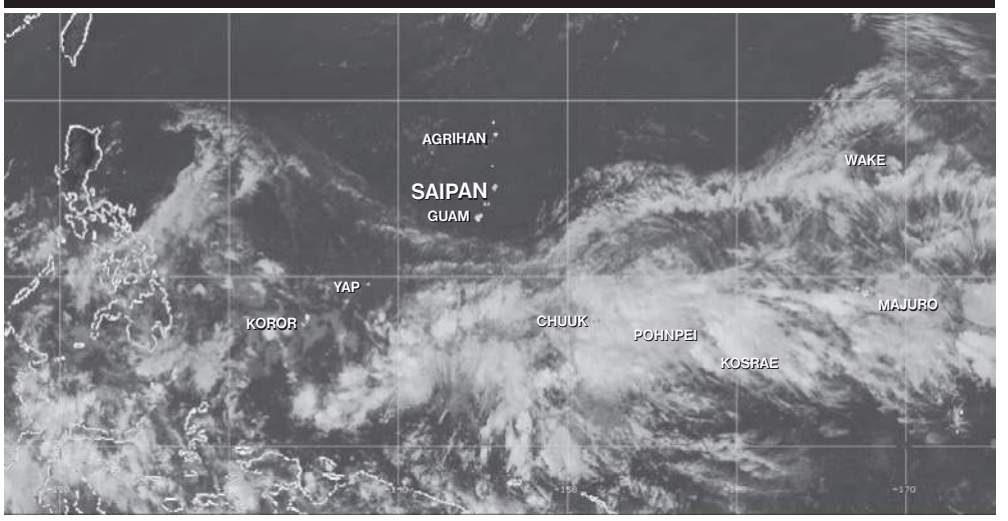
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 9:22 AM, TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Latest observations across the Marianas showing reduced visibilities of around 7 miles indicate that volcanic haze produced by Mount Kilauea in Hawaii has reached the region. Satellite imagery shows a dense plume of haze spanning the central pacific that becomes more diffuse closer to the Marianas. The haze is being carried along by the east-northeast trade winds. Winds are expected to continue bringing haze into the Marianas the next couple of days. A trough in the Central Pacific is expected to redirect haze farther to the north later this week thus reducing the haze in the Marianas. Residents across the Marianas should continue to monitor information from their local emergency management offices and the national weather service. Residents with respiratory health problems should stay indoors and minimize time outdoors when haze is seen. Mariners and pilots should be aware of slightly lower visibilities caused by this haze.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	59° / 45°
Beijing	Sunny	99° / 64°
Hong Kong	Sunny	91° / 82°
Honolulu	Windy	84° / 74°
London	Showers	72° / 59°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 61°
Manila	Thunderstorm	95° / 81°
Melbourne	Showers	82° / 78°
Miami	Thunderstorm	82° / 78°
New York	Partly Cloudy	70° / 60°
Osaka	Showers	75° / 66°
Paris	Thunderstorm	77° / 61°
Busan	Showers	79° / 61°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	82° / 64°
Salem	Thunderstorm	82° / 71°
San Francisco	Windy	59° / 52°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	81° / 59°
Tokyo	Cloudy	75° / 64°
Washington, DC	Showers	78° / 71°

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:16 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.07
7:12 AM	LOW TIDE	1.88
2:33 PM	HIGH TIDE	-0.26
9:25 PM	LOW TIDE	1.86

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM
Sunday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	6:08 AM	7:18 PM
Thursday	-	6:54 AM	8:06 PM
Friday	-	7:41 AM	8:55 PM
Saturday	-	8:30 AM	9:43 PM
Sunday	-	9:19 AM	10:28 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

Starbucks to close over 8K stores for anti-bias training

By TERRY TANG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Starbucks will close more than 8,000 stores nationwide on Tuesday to conduct anti-bias training, the next of many steps the company is taking to try to restore its tarnished image as a hangout where all are welcome.

After the arrests of two black men in Philadelphia last month at one of its stores, the coffee chain's leaders apologized and met with the two men, but also reached out to activists and experts in bias training to put together a curriculum for its 175,000 workers.

That has put a spotlight on the little-known world of "unconscious bias training," which is used by many corporations, police departments and other organizations to help address racism in the workplace. The training is typically designed to get people to open up about implicit biases and stereotypes in encountering people of color, gender or other identities.

The Perception Institute, a consortium of researchers consulting with Starbucks, defines implicit bias as attitudes — positive or negative — or stereotypes someone has toward a person or group without being conscious of it. A common example, according to some of its studies, is a tendency for white people to unknowingly associate black people with criminal behavior.

Many retailers including Walmart and Target said they already offer some racial bias training. Target says it plans to expand that training. Nordstrom has said it plans to enhance its training after issuing an apology to three black teenagers in Missouri who employees falsely accused of shoplifting.

Anti-bias sessions can incorporate personal reflections, explorations of feelings and mental exercises. But one expert says training of this kind can have the opposite effect if people feel judged.

According to a video previewing the Starbucks training, there will be recorded remarks from Starbucks executives and rapper/activist Common. From there, employees will "move into a real and honest exploration of bias" where, in small groups, they can share how the issue comes up in their daily work life.

Starbucks has described it as a "collaborative and engaging experience for store partners to learn together." ''

Developed with feedback from the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Perception Institute and other social advocacy groups, Tuesday's four-hour session will give workers a primer on the history of civil rights from the 1960s to present day. Workers will also view a short documentary film.

Alexis McGill Johnson, Perception's co-founder and executive director, says anti-bias training is about awareness.

"The work that we want to do is not say you're a bad person because you have a stereotype about a group, but say this is why your brain may have these stereotypes," she said.

APAFS enters into agreement with CEFEX

HAGATNA, Guam—The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies is very pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with CEFEX, Centre for Fiduciary Excellence, based in Pittsburgh, PA. Under the terms of the agreement, CEFEX will offer to APAFS Institutional Members, fiduciary assessment and CEFEX certification services at preferential rates and in an expedited manner.

Gerard Cruz, AIFA, chairman of APAFS Board of Governors shares that "through our partnership with Fi360 we have substantially raised the bar for fiduciary practices of investment stewards in the region, with many having earned the FE Certificate or attained the professional AIF designation. The next logical step was being able to offer to the organizations these stewards represent, the ability to earn a certification that provides an independent demonstration that the management system of the organization conforms to specified requirements, is capable of consistently achieving its stated policy and objectives, and that is effectively implemented. We are pleased to be able to add this additional membership benefit through the globally recognized CEFEX brand."

Cruz

APAFS is currently undergoing the first CEFEX Steward audit conducted in the region, which if successful, will be followed by an institution member of APAFS. The services will be rolled out to all APAFS members during the November APAFS Fiduciary Events Week to be held in Manila, Philippines.

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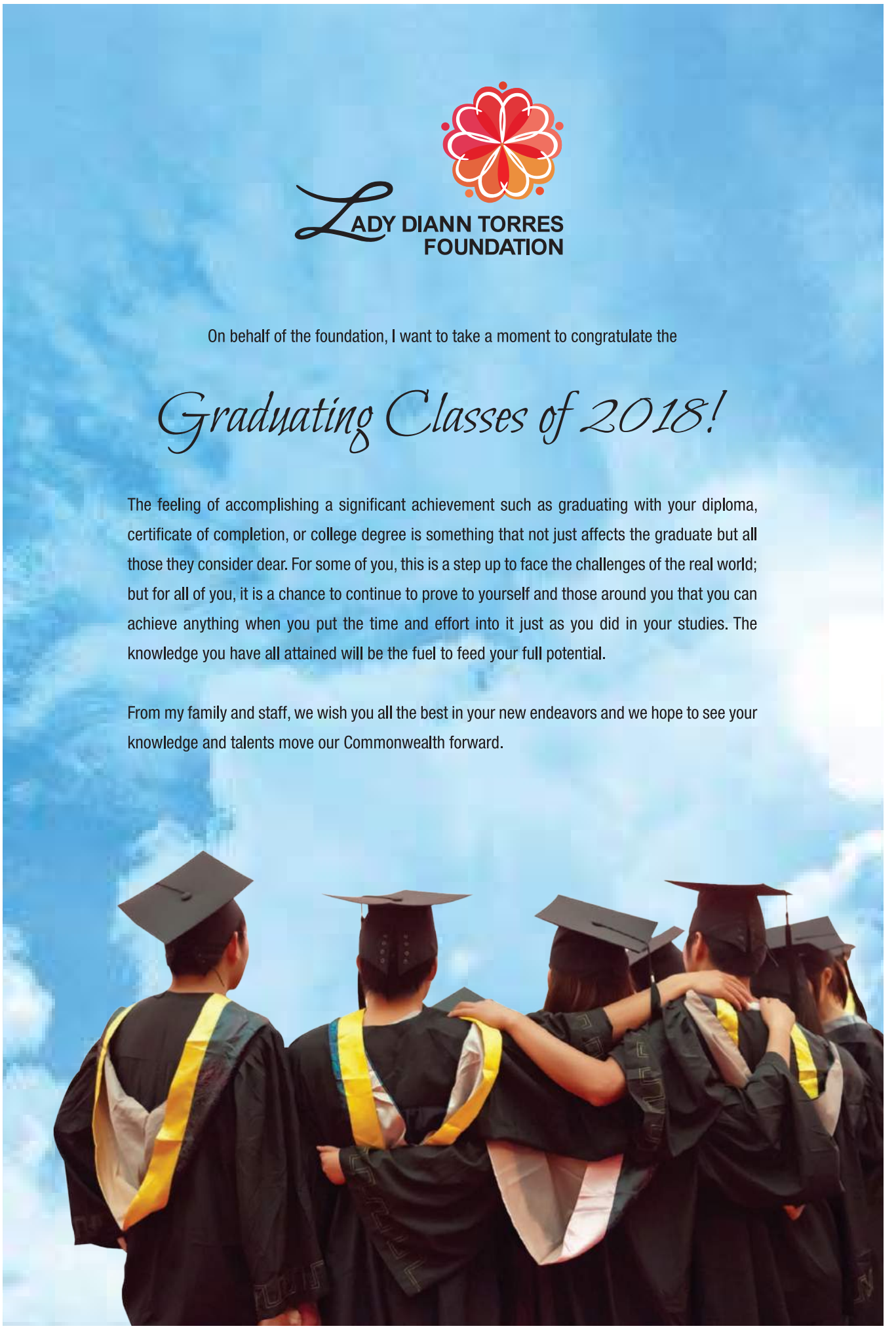
LADY DIANN TORRES FOUNDATION
On behalf of the foundation, I want to take a moment to congratulate the
Graduating Classes of 2018!
The feeling of accomplishing a significant achievement such as graduating with your diploma, certificate of completion, or college degree is something that not just affects the graduate but all those they consider dear. For some of you, this is a step up to face the challenges of the real world; but for all of you, it is a chance to continue to prove to yourself and those around you that you can achieve anything when you put the time and effort into it just as you did in your studies. The knowledge you have all attained will be the fuel to feed your full potential.
From my family and staff, we wish you all the best in your new endeavors and we hope to see your knowledge and talents move our Commonwealth forward.

Nation

After the floods, locals ask 'should I stay or should I go?'

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. (AP)—After yet another devastating flash flood ripped apart their historic Maryland mill town, hundreds of residents and business owners are again asking themselves: Should I stay or should I go?

Some business owners in picturesque Ellicott City — established in 1772 as a mill town along the Patapsco River surround by hills — say they're determined to rebuild after Sunday's devastation. Their hope: to pull together as a community again after the second terrible flood deluged their downtown in less than two years.

Simon Cortes, owner of La Palapa Grill & Cantina, said Monday it's "a horrible time," and his business took on about a foot (30 centimeters) of water. But he emphasized that the old mill town has been through it all before and he's resolved to do his part to spur another revival.

"I feel like it's our duty to make sure that we rebuild and open back up," said Cortes, whose restaurant is right by the spot where a 39-year-old man was swept away by Sunday's raging floodwaters.

But with floodwaters receded, revealing devastating damage across the downtown of quaint shops and historic 18th and 19th Century buildings, others are stretched to the breaking point. Now they face yet another massive clean-up, serious economic losses and a daunting comeback.

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Floodwaters rushes through part of Ellicott City, Md., Sunday, May 27, 2018.

It's particularly trying for folks because Sunday's torrential rains came just as it seemed the town had come back stronger than ever from a dreadful July 2016 flash flood that killed two. Sunday's dramatic flooding tore up streets and swept away dozens of parked cars in the city, which sits in a ravine on the west bank of the Patapsco, about 13 miles (20 kilometers) west of Baltimore.

Getting flood insurance around old Ellicott City was a pricy proposition before. Now, those who are pondering the next comeback don't even want to think about how much it might cost. And many business owners are still paying off the debt they incurred after the last flood smashed their businesses and properties.

Local resident Nathan Sowers, owner of the River House Pizza Co., an outdoor eatery in the old mill town's business district, said that after all the hard work rebuilding from the destructive 2016 flood he's feeling a bit overwhelmed at attempting yet another comeback.

"We'll see. It takes a lot of money and a lot of time, a lot of energy. We'll just have to assess it," he said, speaking near a bridge where several crushed cars were swept into a muddy tributary's banks.

But Sowers also said he saw other hard-hit locals laughing and joking about their troubles first thing Monday morning — a good sign the Maryland town will launch yet another rebirth.

Still, the one man remains missing, and this Maryland town is heartbroken.

The missing man — 39-year-old Eddison Hermond of Severn, Maryland — was last seen trying to help a woman rescue her cat behind a restaurant while seething brown waters surged through the downtown.

Teacher who stopped attack says he had to save students

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (AP)—A suburban Indianapolis teacher who was shot while tackling and disarming a student inside his classroom said Monday that his swift decisions "were the only acceptable actions" to save his seventh-grade students.

Jason Seaman, speaking publicly for the first time since the shooting Friday, thanked the Noblesville community for its support and stressed that he wanted the focus to be on the other person shot during the incident: 13-year-old student Ella Whistler, who was seriously wounded.

"Her courage and strength at such a young age is nothing short of remarkable," Seaman said during a news conference at the school district's administrative building. "We all should continue to keep her in our minds as she continues to recover."

School officials said Monday that Ella was improving and making progress while recovering at an Indianapolis hospital. Her family has said she was in critical but stable condition following the shooting, though no other details about her injuries have been released.

Seaman is credited with stopping an armed student who entered his classroom at Noblesville West Middle School. Witnesses said the 29-year-old former college football player ran toward bullets as he tackled the student. Seaman was shot three times, according to his brother.

The Indiana teacher who stopped a school shooting says his decisions were the "only acceptable action" to save his students. Jason Seaman spoke publicly Monday for the first time, three days after he tackled and disarmed a student with a gun. (May 28)

"I want to make it clear that my actions on that day, in my mind, were the only acceptable actions I could have done given the circumstances," Seaman said Monday. "I deeply care for my students and their well-being. That is why I did what I did that day."

Seaman, who was released from the hospital Saturday, didn't appear to show any pain or other sign of his injuries during the news conference. He spoke for just a few minutes and declined to answer questions from reporters.

He wore a white T-shirt emblazoned with the message: "#NOBStrong. You are the reason I teach." His shirt also showed the wounded student's initials, EW.

Police have said the shooter was quickly arrested following the shooting and didn't appear to be injured. His name hasn't been released.

"We're so grateful for Jason's quick and brave actions," Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer said during the news conference. "He put his own life in danger for his students. That alone tells you about his character and his big heart."

A school nurse and a school resource officer immediately provided medial attention to the injured, said Noblesville West Middle School Principal Stacey Shaw.

ACROSS THE NATION

FBI got tips about Oklahoma City shooting suspect's videos

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The FBI says it was contacted about a YouTube channel associated with the Oklahoma City restaurant shooting suspect but determined no further action was needed. The FBI said Saturday it was contacted twice about the channel associated with 28-year-old Alexander Tilghman, killed by bystanders after wounding three people on Thursday. Officials say a caller earlier this month reported concerns about the channel, but didn't mention any potential threat of violence and didn't have knowledge of the man possessing weapons. The FBI says per protocol, no further investigation was warranted. Earlier this year, the FBI got an informal tip regarding the YouTube account but determined the content was protected by the First Amendment. In the channel, Tilghman describes demons possessing his TV and says he's "really losing it."

Artificial reef in Florida will honor lost US submarines

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—An undersea monument off Florida's Gulf Coast will honor more than 4,000 officers and crew members who have died while serving aboard American military submarines since 1900. The On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef will be installed on the ocean floor about 9 miles (15 kilometers) from Sarasota. The artificial reef will consist of 65 balls, each bearing a plaque identifying a submarine lost while on duty. One additional ball will represent crews and submarines lost in non-sinking incidents. Each ball weighs 1,300 pounds (590 kilograms) and stands 3 feet (1 meter) tall.

Subtropical Storm Alberto's crossing of the Gulf of Mexico delayed the installation of the first ball Monday. In a ceremony Sunday, buglers played taps and a military honor guard presented American flags to representatives for each lost submarine.

Policewomen take photo with male stripper, get scrutiny

NEW YORK (AP)—Four New York City policewomen who posed for a photo with a scantily clad male stripper at a senior citizens center are under scrutiny by the police department. The New York Post and the Daily News say the picture was taken during a Mother's Day party at a senior center in Upper Manhattan and recently came to light. The grinning officers appear with a man wearing only boots and a G-string. Police spokeswoman Sgt. Jessica McRorie tells the newspapers the officers' commanding officer "will address the incident." McRorie says the officers didn't know there would be male dancers at the event. She says the senior center partygoers encouraged the officers to pose for the photo.

Border Patrol revises description of fatal shooting in Texas

RIO BRAVO, Texas (AP)—The U.S. Border Patrol has revised its description of an agent-involved shooting in Texas that killed a woman who was part of a group that illegally entered the country. The agency initially said Wednesday that the lone agent fired his gun after being attacked "by multiple subjects using blunt objects." But Border Patrol said Friday that the group ignored the agent's demands to get on the ground and "rushed him." The first statement describes the woman killed as "one of the assailants," while the second calls her "one member of the group." Agency spokeswoman Sara Melendez says she can't address specific questions about the releases but notes they usually do a follow-up statement after the initial one. Guatemala's foreign ministry identifies the woman killed as Claudia Patricia Gomez Gonzalez.

Asia

Australia holds hope MH370 will be found as last search ends

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia said it held out hope Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 would one day be found as the last search of the seabed in the remote Indian Ocean where it was believed to have been lost was scheduled to end on Tuesday.

Malaysia said last week the search by Texas-based company Ocean Infinity would end on Tuesday after two extensions of the original 90-day time limit.

Australian Transport Minister Michael McCormack said the four-year search had been the largest in aviation history and tested the limits of technology and the capacity of experts and people at sea.

"Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of the 239 people on board MH370," McCormack's office said in a statement. "We will always remain hopeful that one day the aircraft will be located."

Malaysia signed a "no cure, no fee" deal with Ocean Infinity in January to resume the hunt for the plane, a year after the official search in the southern Indian Ocean by Australia, Malaysia and China was called off. No other search is scheduled.

Australia, Malaysia and China agreed in 2016 that an official search would only resume if the three countries had credible evidence that identified a specific location for the wreckage.

Malaysia said last week an Ocean Infinity ship Seabed Contractor operating underwater sonar drones had searched more than 96,000 square kilometers (37,000 square miles) of sea. The search area deemed by experts to be the most likely crash site was only 25,000 square kilometers (9,650 square miles), roughly the size of Vermont.

Ocean Infinity did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

The Boeing 777 vanished on March 8, 2014, while flying from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to Beijing. The original search focused on the South China Sea before analysis revealed the plane had made an unexpected turn west and then south.

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In this March 31, 2014 file photo, the shadow of a Royal New Zealand Air Force P3 Orion is seen on low level cloud while the aircraft searches for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean, near the coast of Western Australia.

PH says it told China of 'red lines' in sea feud

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine foreign secretary said Monday that China has been notified of "red lines," or actions Manila would find unacceptable, in the South China Sea, including construction activities at a disputed shoal and extraction of oil and gas in the long-contested waters.

Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano explained what President Rodrigo Duterte's administration has been doing to defend the country's sovereignty in the disputed region amid criticism that it has been far too soft on China.

Critics and left-wing groups have slammed Duterte for not publicly raising alarm over recent Chinese actions, including the reported installation of missile defense systems on its newly constructed islands, and for not demanding immediate Chinese compliance with a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing's expansive claims in the South China Sea and upheld the Philippines' sovereign rights to exploit resources in vast stretches of waters off its western coast.

"For those who keep saying, 'File a protest, file a protest,' what do we mean when we said, 'We are taking all diplomatic actions'?" Cayetano said in a flag-raising ceremony at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

"At the right time, we will prove you wrong because nothing is secret forever," Cayetano said. "When we declassify all of these, once we have achieved our purposes in the future, you will see that the DFA has not fallen short in filing whatever diplomatic action, note verbale, verbal protest."

After Duterte appointed him as the country's top diplomat last year, Cayetano said the Philippines and China had discussed the thorny territorial issues, including actions that each deemed unacceptable. For the Philippines, these included any Chinese construction at disputed Scarborough Shoal or Chinese effort to remove a rusty Philippine navy ship used by Filipino marines as a detachment in another contested outcrop, Second Thomas Shoal.

"Filipino troops should not be harassed while on resupply missions or when repairing (facilities) like a runway," he said. "Another red line for us: Nobody can extract natural resources there on their own."

US team in NKorea raises expectations of a Trump-Kim summit

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. officials worked with North Korea over the weekend on plans for the on-off-on meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, as Trump signaled increasing optimism for the sit-down.

Trump tweeted Sunday that a U.S. team was in North Korea to work on the possible summit. Another delegation was in Singapore to discuss logistics. On Monday, the White House said Trump had spoken with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe about the North Korea efforts, adding that the two planned to get together to coordinate strategy for the "expected meeting" with Kim.

Trump withdrew from the planned June 12 summit in Singapore last Thursday, but quickly announced it could still happen. The president's Sunday tweet offered praise for the longtime U.S. adversary, another signal that his concerns about the North's stance toward the summit had been allayed.

"I truly believe North Korea has brilliant potential and will be a great economic and financial Nation one day. Kim Jong Un agrees with me on this. It will happen!," Trump tweeted.

The White House did not say when Trump would meet with Abe. Both leaders are expected to attend the Group of Seven summit in Quebec, Canada, on June 8-9.

Talks with North Korea on a summit with Kim Jong Un were going "very well", US President Donald Trump said on Saturday. (May 26)

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REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINES 8 AND 4 AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, of the removal of the engine frame and alternator assemblies from its foundation, dismantling and further relocation to a designated location as detailed in the bid documents. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **60 calendar days** from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non- refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **May 22, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC power plant Conference Room. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-18-020 - Removal and relocation of Engine 8 Alternator and Engine No. 4 Frame & Alternator at Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

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World

France: Macron rewards migrant hero who saved dangling child

PARIS (AP)—President Emmanuel Macron on Monday lauded as a hero a migrant from Mali who scaled an apartment building to save a child dangling from a balcony, and rewarded the young man's bravery with an offer of French citizenship and a job as a firefighter.

"Bravo," Macron said to 22-year-old Mamoudou Gassama during a meeting in a gilded room of the presidential Elysee Palace where Gassama also received a gold medal from the French state for "courage and devotion."

Gassama climbed five stories up the apartment building, moving from balcony to balcony, and whisked a 4-year-old boy to safety on Saturday night as a crowd below screamed. His actions went viral on social media, where he was dubbed "Spiderman"

Gassama said he has authorization to stay legally in Italy, which is where he landed in Europe in 2014 after a more than a year in Libya and a trip across the Mediterranean Sea. He came to France in September to join his older brother, who has lived in France for decades.

Dressed in tattered blue jeans and white shirt, the young man recounted for the president what took place after he and some friends saw a young child hanging from a fifth-floor balcony.

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French President Emmanuel Macron, left, meets with Mamoudou Gassama, 22, from Mali, at the presidential Elysee Palace in Paris, Monday, May, 28, 2018.

"I ran. I crossed the street to save him," Gassama told Macron. He said he didn't think twice. "When I started to climb, it gave me courage to keep climbing."

Dramatic video shows the moment Mamoudou Gassama, a 22-year-old migrant from Mali, scaled an apartment building in Paris over the weekend to save a 4-year-old child dangling from a fifth-floor balcony. (May 28)

God "helped me," too, he said. "Thank God I saved him."

Gassama said he trembled with fear only after he had reached the boy, gotten him safely back over the balcony railing and taken him inside the apartment.

The father of the child was detained overnight for alleged parental neglect, and is to appear in court in September. He left the child alone while he shopped, then lingered to play Pokemon Go, Prosecutor Francois Molins told BFM-TV. The whereabouts of the child's mother were unclear.

"You saved a child. Without you, no one knows what would have become of him," the president said. "You need courage and the capability to do that."

Macron offered to begin the naturalization process to make Gassama a French citizen and said, "Because this is an exceptional act ... we are obviously, today, going to regularize all your papers."

Macron is behind a bill toughening French immigration law, and he stressed there is no contradiction between rewarding Gassama for his act of bravery and working to prevent migrants from entering France illegally by stopping the stream of arrivals at its source.

"An exceptional act does not make policy," he told reporters later, vowing to maintain a policy that is "exigent, respectful of our principles" on asylum and "rigorous" regarding the migratory flux.

The special treatment for Gassama comes as authorities prepare to evacuate some 2,400 migrants from makeshift encampments in the French capital. The forced closure of the encampments is the subject of a heated debate between the Paris mayor, who wants to ensure the uprooted will be sheltered, and Interior Minister Gerard Collomb, who was present Monday at the Elysee.

Gassama told Macron he was arrested and beaten during his long rough stay in Libya, "but I wasn't discouraged."

The French president said Gassama's actions made him deserving of special treatment. Working as a firefighter corresponds with his skills, said Macron, who opened the door for him to do just that.

"You have become an example because millions have seen you" on social media, the president said.

Another Malien, Lassana Bathily, was given French citizenship in January 2015, shortly after he saved lives by hiding people in a freezer and alerting police during a terror attack on a Jewish grocery where he worked.

Cuba to update Soviet-era constitution, adapting to reforms

HAVANA (AP)—When Cuba adopted its current constitution, the sugar-based economy was being bolstered by aid from the Soviet Union, citizens were forbidden to run private businesses or sell homes and gays kept their sexual identity a tightly guarded secret.

Now a rewrite is on the way as the country's communist leaders try to adapt to the post-Soviet world in which hundreds of thousands of Cubans work for themselves, American remittances and tourism keep the economy afloat and the daughter of Communist Party chief Raul Castro is campaigning for gay rights.

The country's parliament is scheduled on Saturday to name the commission to draft a new constitution, consulting with the citizenry and eventually bringing it to a referendum.

Officials have made clear that the constitution will maintain a Communist Party-led system in which freedom of speech, the press and other rights are limited by "the purposes of socialist society."

But Castro and other leaders apparently hope to end the contradictions between the new, more open economy and a legal system that calls for tight state control over all aspects of the economy and society.

The current ban on dual citizenship collides with the government's effort to reach out to exiles. The definition of marriage as between a man and a woman runs up against Cuba's growing gay rights movement. Many small businesses employ workers even though the constitution now forbids "obtaining income that comes from exploiting the work of others."

The current constitution allows worker cooperatives, but only in the farm sector, and officials have allowed other types of cooperative but placed sharp limits on their growth and operations, keeping them as a marginal economic player.

The government, too, is likely to see changes. Castro, who turned over the presidency last month to Miguel Diaz-Canel, has proposed limiting presidents to two five-year terms and imposing an age limit—a dramatic shift following a nearly 60-year run of leadership by Castro and his late brother Fidel, who both ruled into their 80s.

"Cuba needs to change its constitution because our society has been radically transformed in recent years," said political scientist Lenier Gonzalez, one of the directors of Cuba Possible, a think-tank aimed at promoting reform with the limits laid out by Cuban law and its single-party system. He noted the society has become more international, forms of property ownership have diversified and new social movements have emerged that now exist on the margins of the law.

He also said the revamp could help build the legitimacy of Diaz-Canel, 58, and other members of the new guard who are finally replacing the men enshrined as national heroes of the 1959 revolution led by Fidel Castro.

The Communist Party newspaper Granma has reported that the new constitution could boost the role of the country's parliament, which now usually meets for two days a year to listen to speeches and approve official proposals.

Syria vows to fight rebels despite US warning

BEIRUT (AP)—A Syrian state-run newspaper said Monday that the government will keep fighting "terrorists" despite U.S. warnings against a new offensive against rebels in southern Daraa province, while Russia said Syrian troops should deploy in the country's southwest, near Israel.

Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Syrian troops should be positioned on the border with the Golan Heights, which have been occupied by Israel since the 1967 Mideast war. The area between Daraa and the Golan Heights has emerged as a flashpoint in a wider standoff between Israel and Iran, and the United States has warned it will take action to protect a cease-fire there.

The Al-Baath daily said in an editorial published Monday that the U.S. threat underscores the "dirty American role in the terrorist war" against Syria. It stressed that the Syrian army was determined to retake all parts of Syria.

The United States, Russia, and Jordan agreed last year to include Daraa in a "de-escalation zone" and freeze the lines of conflict there. But the area has been tense following a series of recent Israeli strikes on Syrian and Iranian forces. Iran is a close ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and its advisers are embedded with his troops.

Israel has warned it will not tolerate a permanent Iranian military presence in Syria. Earlier this month, it carried out a wave of airstrikes in response to what it said was an Iranian rocket attack on its positions in the Golan. It was the most serious confrontation between the regional archrivals to date.

Lavrov told reporters in Moscow that "the agreement on forming a de-escalation area in southwestern Syria envisaged the eventual withdrawal of all non-Syrian forces from this part of Syria."

He added that the Russian and U.S. militaries have maintained regular contacts on the issue.

"The result of the ongoing work should be a situation in which troops of the Syrian Armed Forces will be stationed alongside the Syrian border with Israel," he said.

Syrian government forces recently dropped leaflets on rebel-held areas in Daraa, warning of an imminent offensive and urging the insurgents to lay down their arms.

The Lebanon-based Al-Mayadeen TV, which has reporters embedded with Syrian troops, said the army is sending reinforcements to southern Syrian in an apparent preparation for an offensive.

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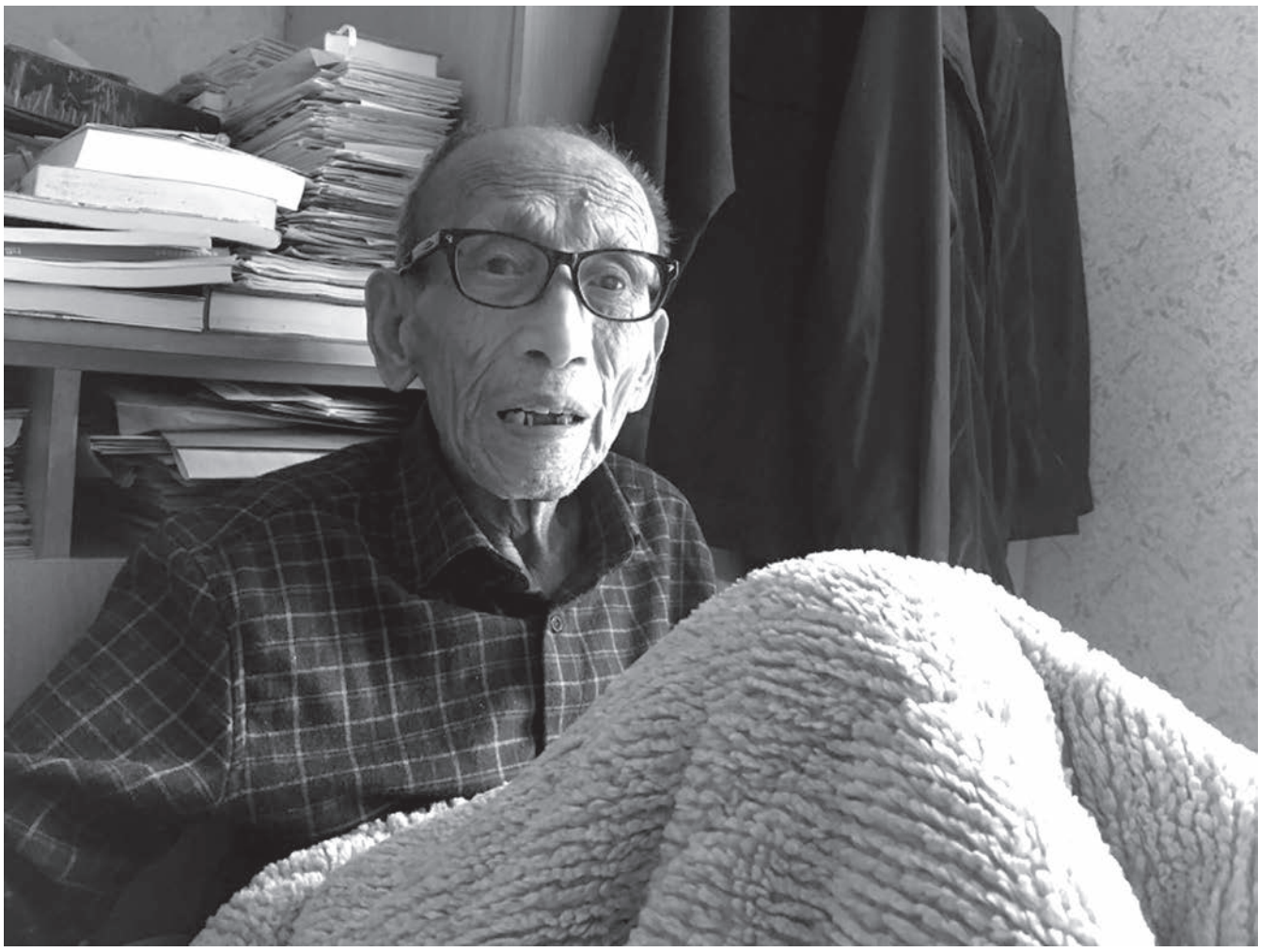

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In this May 10, 2018, photo, former North Korean spy Seo Ok-yeol, 89, who spent 29 years in a prison, speaks during an interview at his home in Gwangju, South Korea. After decades trapped in lives they didn't want in South Korea, nearly 20 elderly former North Korean spies are hoping the recent thaw in tensions between their countries will pave the way for their long-awaited return home.

Summits give aged North Korean spies

HOPE OF RETURNING HOME

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GWANGJU, South Korea (AP)—He's spent nearly six decades trapped on enemy soil, surviving 29 years in a prison where he was tortured by South Korean guards before being released to a life of poverty and police surveillance. Now, 89 years old and bedridden with illness, former North Korean spy Seo Ok-yeol just wants to go home.

"People have a need to die in a place where they are respected," Seo said, though he worries it could be too late to finally be reunited with the wife and children he left behind.

Seo is among 19 Cold War-era North Korean spies and guerrillas who have served their time in South Korean prisons and are pushing to return to the North. Though they are officially free now, Seoul has refused to let them return as it seeks commitments from Pyongyang for the return of hundreds of South Koreans thought held there.

The Associated Press recently spoke with seven of the former spies, all men in their 80s and 90s who insist North Korea is their "ideological homeland." Though they have seen past efforts to negotiate their return fall apart, the men are filled with renewed optimism after the leaders of the Koreas held a summit last month and pledged to resolve all humanitarian issues caused by their nations' 70 years of division.

"I wept tears of joy," 82-year-old Yang Hee-chul, a former spy, said of the summit. "I have a ray of hope that our issue could be resolved."

In 2000, during a previous thaw in North-South relations that also saw their leaders meet, South Korea sent back 63 North Korean spies and guerrillas. Dozens of other North Koreans who had served time in prison later applied for repatriation, but it never happened and some have since died.

In a written response, South Korea's Unification Ministry said it was not at this time considering sending back the former spies, adding that the North has not recently asked for them to do so.

Seo was born on a small island off the southwestern coast of the Korean Peninsula, when Japan was its colonial overlord. During the 1950-53 Korean War, he volunteered for the North's Korean People's Army. After the war ended, he settled in North Korea, and eventually became a spy.

He was captured in 1961, after he had swam across a river into the South for what he said was a mission to "promote Korean unification."

Park Hee-seong was the chief engineer for a North Korean spy boat in 1962 when he and three others traded gunfire with a South Korean navy ship off the east coast. He was shot twice and eventually taken into South Korean custody.

"I tried to blow myself up with a reserve grenade, but it didn't explode ... so I'm still living here like this," the 83-year-old said, showing an arm bent from a gunshot wound.

Most of the spies spent decades in prison. While in custody, they say they were tortured to get them to abandon their communist beliefs.

Kim Young-sik, who worked as a radio man on a North Korean spy ship before his 1962 capture, said he broke under torture in 1973. He said a fellow inmate tied him to a board, put a thin towel on his face and poured water from a kettle on his face.

"I felt like I was dying," the 85-year-old recalled. "I'm still very angry," he said. "How could they torture me to force me to give up an ideology that I believe is correct?"

AP

In this May 11, 2018, Park Hee-seong speaks during an interview in Seoul, South Korea.

Guards also forced Kim and others to eat off the floor with their hands cuffed behind their backs, while others said they were spun while hanging from the ceiling, their hands again cuffed behind their backs.

Not all cracked. The 63 men repatriated in 2000 were chosen by Seoul because they never disavowed communism during their decades in prison. They received a heroes' welcome in Pyongyang, with hundreds of thousands of people pouring into the streets.

A number of North Korean spies were released from prison after South Korea achieved democracy in the late 1980s following decades of authoritarian rule. The ex-convicts were given South Korean citizenship, but to this day some are required to report who they meet and what they talk about to police every two months. Most have eked out a living as manual laborers.

Those North Koreans who were born in the South say their estranged relatives were often harassed by the police and blackballed so they couldn't work in the government.

Three of Seo's brothers and a sister, who had all stayed in South Korea after the war, served time in prison for not reporting their meetings with him.

"I feel sorry to them because they couldn't have happy lives because of me," Seo said.

The former spies describe an isolating existence in which they are often looked at with suspicion by neighbors.

"I hate my birthday and holidays the most," Park said. "I used to stay in my home all day on those days because I knew I would miss my family more if I saw people having a good time outside."

Park had a young wife and a 16-month-old son in North Korea at the time of his 1962 arrest.

Like many of the spies, Seo couldn't say goodbye to his wife and two baby sons because his mission required strict confidentiality. Seo, whose wife would be 87 if she is alive, never remarried. Others did.

Yang married a South Korean woman about a year after he was set free following 37 years of imprisonment. He didn't apply for repatriation in 2000, though he thinks he'll go back if given a second chance.

"My wife understands me but my daughter doesn't. She keeps asking me why I'd go," he said.

For most the reason is simple. Despite their decades in South Korea, all of the men who spoke to the AP were unrepentant communists.

Communism, they say, is the only system that will take care of the Korean working classes. Some are proud that North Korea successfully punished colonial-era pro-Japanese collaborators while South Korea's pro-U.S. government let them stay in power.

When the men entered prison, North Korea was wealthier than South Korea. They emerged into a world where South Korea was a regional economic power and a vibrant democracy, while the North struggled to recover from a devastating famine and has long been seen as a one of the world's worst abusers of human rights.

Still, they remain unbowed in their support for the ideals they fought for so many years ago.

Communism "is for the masses of people, not just a few rulers," Seo said. "That philosophy remains the same."

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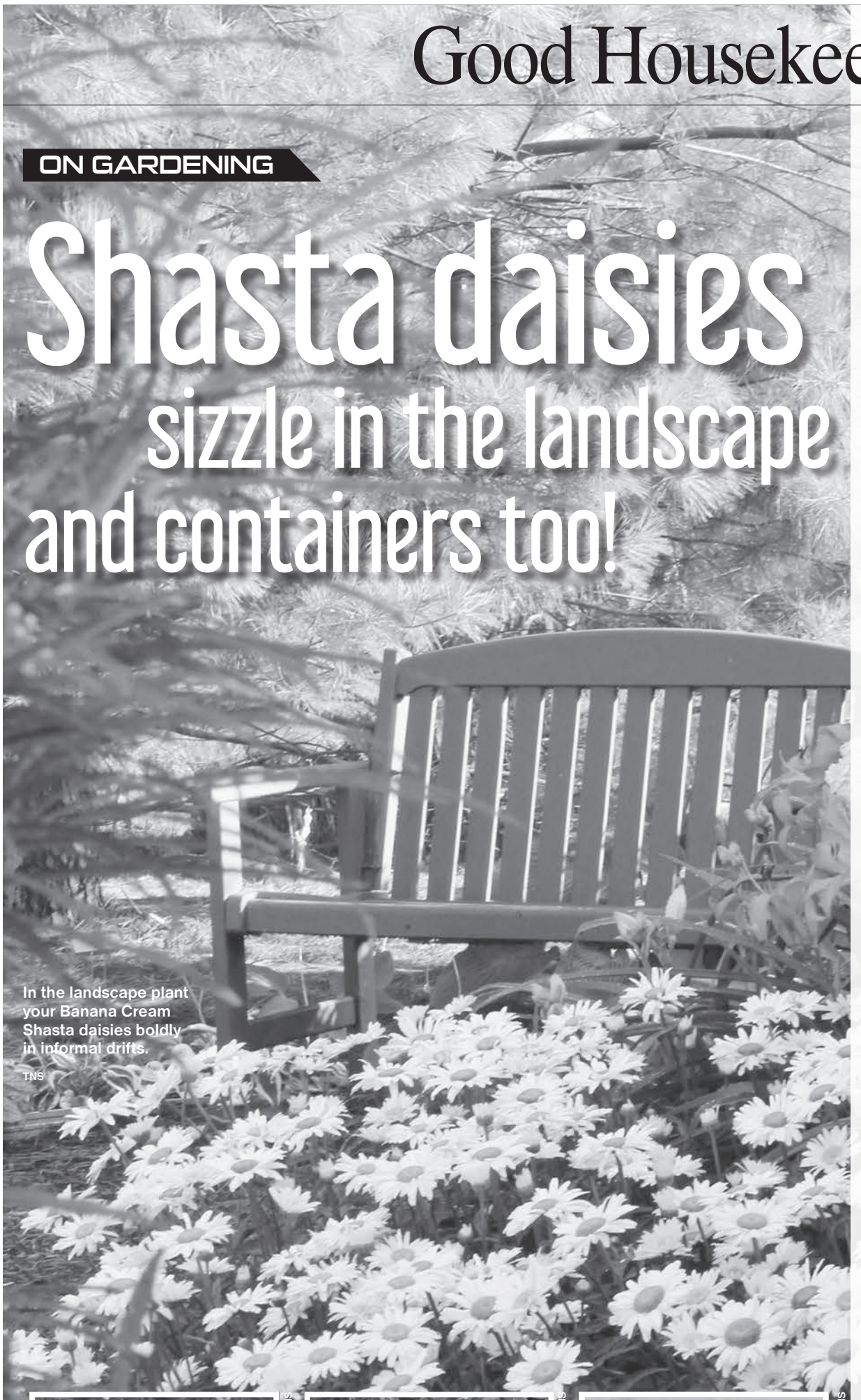
ON GARDENING

Shasta daisies sizzle in the landscape and containers too!



In the landscape plant your Banana Cream Shasta daisies boldly in informal drifts.

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Shasta daisies like Banana Cream have the ability to dazzle in mixed containers and landscape too.

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Banana Cream Shasta daises are compact reaching 15 to 18-inches.

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Banana Cream Shasta daisies create quite the atmosphere in this mixed container at The Landings in Columbus, GA.

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By NORMAN WINTER
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A recent visit to The Landings shopping center in Columbus Georgia taught me a little lesson. I have been too restricted in my thinking when it comes to selecting plants for mixed containers, Shasta daisies to be exact.

I love Shastas, and always have, but shoot they were for cottage gardens, wildflower patches, and picturesque perennial plots. I just never thought about the joy shoppers would receive by their beauty as they passed mixed containers going from their cars to their favorite restaurants or boutiques.

However, while I have treasured varieties like Becky the Perennial Plant of the Year and best all-around Shasta ever, and the delectable looking Ice Star, I had never tried Banana Cream.

That sounds edible too! Banana Cream has been out a few years and is the first Shasta with creamy yellow overtones. The 4- to 5-inch flowers are produced over an extended time. Yes, gardening friends, Shastas are for mixed containers and wherever else you want them in the garden too!

This is the flower that little girls and young ladies alike find most enchanting with dreams of them having a prominent place in their wedding someday. The pristine, glistening white flowers that light up the spring and early summer like no other plant, now comes with a dash of creamy yellow.

The Shasta daisy whether you choose Banana Cream, Becky or the famous Mt. Hood, in more northern areas, can last in the garden for a number of years with proper bed preparation. Choose a site with six hours of sun and a little afternoon shade protection.

The soil must be fertile, organic-rich, moist, and very well drained. If plagued by tight heavy soil that doesn't drain, then amend with 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and till to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. This regimen gives clear indication why they have the ability to work so well in mixed containers as potting soil certainly drains freely.

Space plants 12 to 15 inches apart. Plant at the same depth they are growing in the container. Apply a layer of mulch after planting. Of course, in mixed, designer type containers you'll be using the Shasta most likely as a pocket or filler type plant complementing all of the other companions.

Maintain moisture through the long, hot summer and feed with a light application of fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks. Keep the flowers deadheaded for both a tidy look and increased flower production. Vigorous varieties like Banana Cream and Becky will repeat.

Divide in the fall, spacing as recommended. This will be a yearly event if you want the best blooms and healthiest plants. In the exclusive shopping center mixed-containers, the plants will be removed in time for cool season color, but they did their job, as the shopping experience felt as though you were in the 'Garden of Eden'. You, on the other hand, can leave yours in the container or better yet move to the landscape in the fall.

In the landscape, Shasta daisies should be grown boldly, in sweeping drifts of color. They combine wonderfully with blue salvias, purple coneflowers, and the old-fashioned cut-flower type zinnias.

Shasta daisies are native to Portugal and the Pyrenees and yet they look as if they were born for Grandma's cottage garden and yes, mixed containers too. There is nothing that will put a spring in your step and a joy in your mood quite like a Shasta. If you have forgotten about them for a while check out your garden center, you'll be pleasantly surprised.

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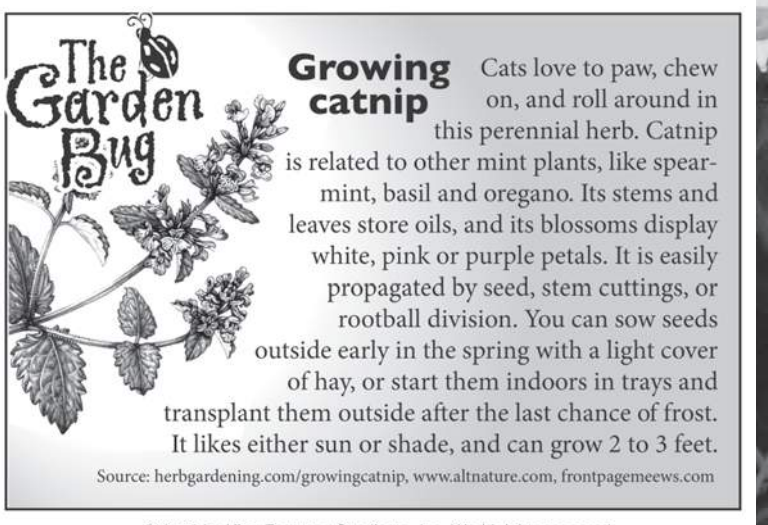
The Garden Bug
Growing catnip
Cats love to paw, chew on, and roll around in this perennial herb. Catnip is related to other mint plants, like spearmint, basil and oregano. Its stems and leaves store oils, and its blossoms display white, pink or purple petals. It is easily propagated by seed, stem cuttings, or rootball division. You can sow seeds outside early in the spring with a light cover of hay, or start them indoors in trays and transplant them outside after the last chance of frost. It likes either sun or shade, and can grow 2 to 3 feet.
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Life & Style

Hall & Oates still play faves, but Oates has new music, too

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Daryl Hall and John Oates can still pack arenas with fans who can sing along to the entire set list.

"I'm very appreciative and surprised and thrilled that after all these years this is actually happening and that there's an audience out there for what is predominantly older music we've created," said Oates, who is on a summer tour with Hall across the United States.

They're also still creating new music. They recently put out the single "Philly Forget Me Not" as a tribute to Philadelphia; Oates is from its suburbs (they will also play that city on Saturday). It's the first new music they've made in 16 years.

But Oates has also carved a path as a solo artist, and his latest album, "Arkansas," is a tribute to Mississippi John Hurt that includes a dash of Dixieland, bluegrass and ragtime tunes, as well as original songs. Oates says the music has marked a reawakening for him.

Oates recently went one on one with The Associated Press about what keeps Hall & Oates songs fresh; his recent solo album, "Arkansas"; and why you give the audiences what they want.

AP: You've lived in Nashville for a few years now. Why devote a solo album to blues and folk music?

Oates: I was a folk musician, I was a blues musician. I played a lot of the same music as a kid before I met Daryl and before we started on our career. ... I felt like I needed to go back to that in some way. I had the support system in Nashville to do that. Great players who understood the music, knew the music and could play and really make it happen. I thought I had never heard some of these songs performed by a band. Most of them are associated with a solo guitar and voice. I put together this very eclectic band with friends and some amazing musicians and the songs just took on a life of their own.

AP: How do you define if an album is successful now compared with your 1980s heyday?

Oates: I think it's defined by whether a core group of fans like it, at this point. Making an album at this point is almost like a musical business card. It just proves that you're out there, you're being creative, you're real, you care about music and you're making music. The people who buy it, it's a very small group of people who buy it. The world of streaming has basically taken over and become the commercial norm for music. I don't try to fight it, just try to work within it. I made this record specifically to be made on vinyl.

AP: Do you ever get tired of playing the same Hall & Oates songs?

Oates: It's a professional technique. I have great respect for being a professional. When you're a professional, you do your job. Luckily for us, and obviously for the fans, the music has stood the test of time. It's not hard to play these songs. It's not a groan, 'Here we go again, here's "Maneater" again.' The songs sound good and they're actually fun to play. They're not too hard to do, and at the same time I'm fully aware of what it is we're doing.

AP: Which is what?

Oates: Giving people what they want to hear. I think any artist has a professional responsibility for playing the music that has brought them to wherever it is that they are. You have to give the audience the experience that they are paying a lot of money for, and, in a sense, expecting.

Japan's martial arts hero Hiroyuki Sanada brings his samurai vibe to 'Westworld'

By LORRAINE ALI
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—The robot cowboys and saloon girls of "Westworld" met their match when the HBO show, now in its second season, revealed the parallel universe of Shogun World. But ninjas and geishas programmed with narrative loops similar to their gunslinging counterparts wasn't the only highlight of the Japanese theme park.

One of the leaders in the "host" rebellion against the park's pleasure-seeking guests is Musashi, a fierce master samurai who can fell an entire army, and he gets plenty of opportunities to swing his sword. Musashi is played by master swordsman Hiroyuki "Hiro" Sanada, and the role continues the 57-year-old actor's run as a crossover star and martial arts hero over a career that's stretched from childhood roles of the 1960s to his American breakthrough in "The Last Samurai" to being featured in a forthcoming chapter of Marvel's "Avengers" franchise.

The L.A.-based Sanada, who also starred in the last season of "Lost," spoke with *The Times* about sword play, reciting Shakespeare and why he loves silent film star Buster Keaton.

Q: You've been acting since you were in grade school and have easily starred in over 100 productions across film, TV and the stage. In all that time, have you ever played the role of a robot?

A: I have played an immortal being before but not a robot. Now I'm a robot Samurai.

Q: Were you a "Westworld" fan before landing the role of Musashi?

A: Oh, yes. I watched all of Season 1, and in real time when it aired. So when I saw they were working with the samurai warriors at the end of last season, I saw possibility. A samurai and a Shogun World?! I was so curious. So I just kind of crossed my fingers. When I received the offer for this role, I was so excited. They have great ideas, crew, cast, talent, and they use all the (latest) technology. Everything is so high-grade.

Q: How would you describe your character?

A: His name, Musashi, is also the name of a real, legendary Japanese sword master, and he has a great skill for fighting. He always tries to fix the story by his sword. He's a host (robot) who fights to save himself and others. And regular "Westworld" characters are crossing over into Shogun World so we have an interesting relationship that connects us.

Q: It's probably safe to assume you've filmed more martial arts fight scenes than anyone who was on the "Westworld" set.

A: I don't know. (Laughs.) But I've done so many samurai movies and the fighting scenes before, so they respected me as a sword master on set. I suggested some things and had some ideas for the fighting scenes and worked with the choreographer and coordinator to make it the authentic samurai way. We've worked to create the best balance between authenticity and entertainment.

Q: And do you still do all your own fight scenes?

A: I like creating scenes with stunt guys and a choreographer, but I did all the fighting by myself. No stunt double at all. Sometimes all-day fighting, including my birthday. From the beginning to the end, all day, fighting, fighting, fighting.

Q: You had to slay the enemy on your birthday? That seems unfair.

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Hiroyuki Sanada attends a premiere of "The Last Samurai" on Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in Los Angeles, California.

A: (Laughs.) But at lunchtime they brought a big birthday cake on set in the Japanese village and then all the cast and crew sung happy birthday. It's one of my favorite birthdays ever. It also gave me energy again for the second half of the day—to fight until sunset.

Q: What inspired you to start acting at such a young age?

A: I watched a lot of American and European movies. The great leading actors doing their own stunts. I wanted to act and do everything by myself—that was my thought. I started martial arts training when I was 13, also traditional dance and singing. And I was already thinking about working in the world market.

Q: Later, when you would see martial arts scenes in American films, what did you think? Like, "Oh, no, this is really bad"?

A: I was training and could see that some movies coming from America misunderstood our culture. I was so frustrated. I decided then that I wanted to correct these mistakes about our culture. But I was working just in Japan until I was 40.

Q: What was your breakthrough in terms of crossing over to an international audience?

A: When I got the chance to work with the Royal Shakespeare Company (in 1999). It was my first experience speaking English in front of an audience. I was playing the fool in "King Lear" with Nigel Hawthorne. It was like mixing cultures and making something new no one had ever seen. I wanted that kind of international project to be my life's work.

Q: And it opened up doors for you?

A: It did. Right after that I got the audition for "The Last Samurai." It was my first American Hollywood movie. I thought "OK, there's no more wall between East and West."

I've since worked to make a bridge for the next generation. That's been one of my missions. When I moved to L.A. in 2005 I continued getting roles involving the Japanese culture. It's been good because I get a chance to discuss (the authenticity of) the costumes, set and props, and the Japanese cultural references. And I try to spot the (mistakes). That was my old experience in the U.S., but this time luckily the HBO crew researched a lot before I joined "Westworld."

Q: Is American film and TV doing a better job in its representation of Japanese culture or characters now?

A: I think the door is more open than it was 10 years ago. It's easier than it was before when I came here. But it's still very hard for Japanese film (actors) to jump into the world market.

Q: What were some of the American films or TV shows that inspired you as a child?

A: Oh, when I was kid? Oh, wow, there's a lot!

Q: Were there actors that you thought, "I want to be like him"?

A: It's funny. I didn't want to be somebody else. But I was inspired by John Wayne and Steve McQueen because they did all the stunts by themselves. And doing your own stunts is a great service for the audience. That's why I started training so young. I watched action movies, but I also love stories and musicals. Silent movies too. Buster Keaton. Charlie Chaplin.

Q: I wouldn't have guessed that.

A: I thought it was the best way (to crossover) because I couldn't speak English when I was a kid. I thought, "I can go to world market without English! Let's make a silent movie with full action or dancing, singing." So Keaton was my hero before John Wayne.

Q: When you first spoke English in front of an audience, it was with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Was it terrifying?

A: It was the biggest challenge of (my acting career). I could speak English for casual conversation or for shopping or talking with friends, but Shakespearean English is so special. I had never learned "thou" and "thy." I was like, what is that? We never learned this in the university.

Q: How did you learn?

A: I had five coaches for the Shakespeare play. Every day they made notes for me. It started with 30 pages of notes, then over time as we kept working, it was 10 pages. Then three. The night before the preview I got just one page of notes. I was the only Asian cast in the production. So I've learned a lot onstage. That experience changed my life. If I didn't join them, I would not be here talking to you now.

Q: I know you are sworn to secrecy about your role in the upcoming "Avengers" movie. But is there anything else coming up that you can talk about?

A: My new movie "The Catcher Was a Spy" is coming out June 22. It was directed by Ben Lewin, and I worked with Paul Rudd. It's the story of Moe Berg, a major-league baseball player who becomes a spy (during World War II). I play a (Japanese delegate) and professor of history. I'm excited! I'm going to be there, in the theater, watching when it comes out.

Q: Let's get back to the genre of the film we aren't allowed to talk about. Are you a fan of big superhero films?

A: Yes. There were hero movies in Japan too. I love that kind of big franchise hero movie, but I also love independent dramas. I need that healthy balance.

Legal hurdles may make Weinstein's prosecution an exception

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Harvey Weinstein's arrest in New York Friday is a landmark moment in the #MeToo movement.

Yet as authorities work through dozens of cases against famous figures in entertainment and other industries brought on by the Weinstein-inspired wave that began in October, legal hurdles may make such prosecutions the exception.

While men including Kevin Spacey and Mario Batali remain under investigation, the next round of charges could well be against Weinstein again, who also is facing scrutiny from authorities in Los Angeles and London.

One expert said prosecutors in those jurisdictions are unlikely to stand down or shift priorities knowing that Weinstein is now charged with rape and another felony sexual assault in New York, where he pleaded not guilty Friday.

"You never know what's going to happen with the case there," said Stacey Honowitz, a longtime prosecutor of sex crimes in Broward County, Florida. "We don't go easy. Nobody's going to drop the ball and let New York do it."

She said it is more likely that authorities in other cities will be energized, and able to build off the charges.

"There's always strength in numbers," Honowitz said.

Stanley Goldman, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said last month's conviction of Bill Cosby's for sexual assault dating to 2004 has likely been propelling prosecutors forward in other places.

"I think perhaps the Bill Cosby conviction really gave them hope that the atmosphere may have changed, in the older cases where this has been hard to prove, that maybe they've got more of a chance now," Goldman said Friday.

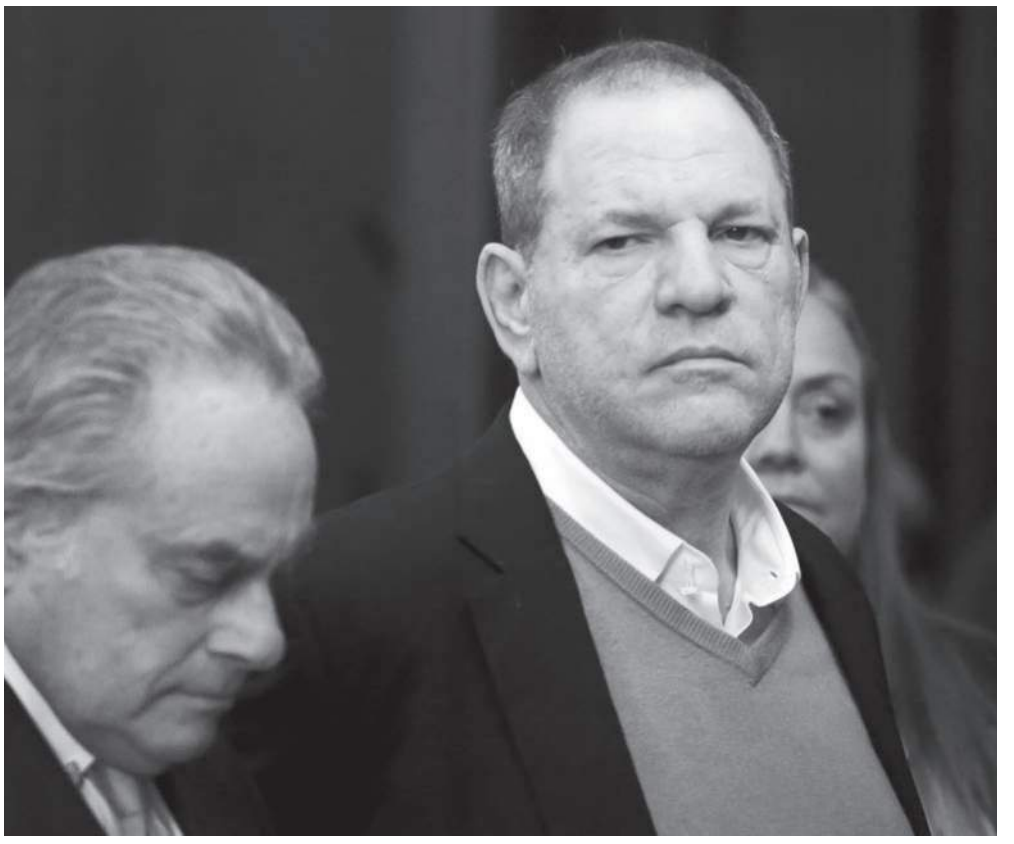
Yet finding prosecutable #MeToo cases has proven difficult.

Los Angeles police said in December that they were investigating 27 entertainment figures, but none have yet resulted in arrests. And LA County prosecutors launched a task force in November to evaluate cases, but so far it has brought no charges.

The biggest obstacles by far are statutes of limitations, which have had special prominence amid the #MeToo and Time's Up movements because so many of the incidents involve women working up the courage to come forward after years of silence.

Hundreds of women have alleged varying degrees of sexual misconduct from Oscar-nominated writer and director James Toback, yet prosecutors declined in April to bring criminal charges against him in the five cases they reviewed, citing expired statutes of limitations in every case.

California, joining other states, recently eliminated its statute of limitations for rape, making the law a closer match for the #MeToo era, but most cases from before the changes are unaffected.



Harvey Weinstein, right, appears at his arraignment with his lawyer Benjamin Brafman, in Manhattan Criminal Court on Friday, May 25, 2018 in New York. AP

Goldman said in the past the principle has been that it's disruptive and unbalancing to society to go back and prosecute older crimes.

"If you're dealing with Kevin Spacey," Goldman said, describing the thinking, "it's disruptive to pull somebody like that out of society after all these many years where people have worked for them, and are supported by them."

That has been the case so far with several high profile cases presented to prosecutors, all of which emerged after Weinstein's downfall.

Prosecutors declined to file charges against Roman Polanski over allegations by a woman who reported in October that the Oscar-winning director molested her when she was 10 years old in 1975. Polanski's attorney has denied the allegations. Los Angeles prosecutors cited the statute of limitations, but still want Polanski to return to the United States to face sentencing in a case in which he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

A case against Hollywood agent Adam Venit, who actor Terry Crews alleged groped him at a party in February 2016, was also rejected. Crews did not report the incident until November 2017, and prosecutors said that was too late.

Earlier this week, prosecutors rejected charges in four cases it reviewed against talent agent Tyler Grasham, who has been accused of the sexual assault of men and boys as young as 15 in the film industry. Prosecutors cited the statute of limitation in two of the cases, a lack of evidence in one, and referred the fourth for possible misdemeanor prosecution.

Goldman said however the thinking around sexual crimes appears to be changing, and they are now being grouped with more serious crimes like murder.

In addition to Weinstein, there are several high-profile open cases that could still lead to criminal charges.

Authorities are still reviewing sexual assault allegations against Spacey, Los Angeles County district attorney's spokesman Greg Risling said Friday. Sheriff's investigators say the case dates to 1992, which could make prosecution difficult. London police reportedly were investigating two sexual assaults there. His former publicist has said Spacey is seeking unspecified treatment.

New York police are investigating Batali after a woman told "60 Minutes" that he drugged and sexually assaulted her in 2005. The celebrity chef denies assaulting the woman, but he is already facing business ramifications—three of his Las Vegas restaurants will close in July and his business partners have said they are actively negotiating to buy him out.

Steven Seagal also remains under investigation after a woman said the action star sexually assaulted her at a casting session at a Beverly Hills hotel room in 2002, when she was 17 years old. The actor's attorney says he adamantly denies the allegations.

Something's missing in HBO's new film on John McCain's life

NEW YORK (AP)—It's no coincidence that the words "President Trump" aren't spoken in "John McCain: For Whom the Bell Tolls," the HBO documentary on the Arizona senator that debuts on Memorial Day.

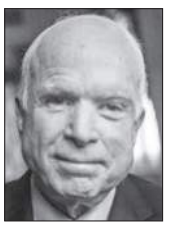
There's enough to talk about, from candidate Trump's belittling of McCain for being taken prisoner in Vietnam to the senator's rejection of Trump's promised repeal of the Obama administration's health care law. McCain's family doesn't want Trump at the 81-year-old senator's funeral when he succumbs to terminal brain cancer.

The filmmaking family of Peter Kunhardt and his sons, George and Teddy, felt that including Trump would detract from McCain's story.

"We knew that we wanted to portray John in a way that would stand the test of time," said Peter Kunhardt. "Five years from now, 10 years from now, these attacks are going to fade into the ether and John's career is going to stand on its own. We didn't want the oxygen sucked out of the room by what's going on right now."

Nicolle Wallace, a top McCain aide during his 2008 campaign for president, said that was smart.

"I think McCain will matter a lot longer than the politics of the moment, and Trump is all about the politics of the moment," the current MSNBC host said.



McCain

Instead, the filmmakers focused McCain's life and service to his country. The son and grandson of U.S. Navy admirals spent five and a half years as a prisoner of war, then entered politics. He's spent three decades in the Senate and twice ran for president.

The Kunhardts came up with the idea after McCain's cancer diagnosis was announced and were well-positioned, since they had done a similar film on McCain's friend Ted Kennedy in the final years before that senator died of the same disease. McCain quickly agreed. He was working on a memoir and saw the documentary as another way to promote his campaign for greater civility and cooperation in public life.

"His story is kind of America's story," Peter Kunhardt said. "The combination of his courageous military career and the political career that followed allowed us to look at the last half century of the country through his perspective."

As a POW, McCain refused when his captors offered to release him before other Americans because his father was Navy brass; he was tortured and nearly died. This weekend marks 45 years from when McCain and other returning POWs were greeted by President Nixon upon their return to the United States. Later in the Senate, McCain worked with Democrat John Kerry, a fellow Vietnam veteran who became an anti-war activist, on normalizing relations with Vietnam.

McCain facing down an angry supporter who was defaming Barack Obama at a 2008 campaign rally is a moment that resonates more with each passing year.

"Like him or hate him, how could you not respect him?" Teddy Kunhardt said.

He has detractors, particularly in his own party. In an all-or-nothing political climate, some don't like his willingness to work with Democrats and occasionally buck GOP leaders. Respect from the non-ideological media is also a strike against him in some eyes, as Reason.com's Matt Welch wrote this month: "Like many elitists, McCain shares with the national political media an unconcealed disdain for swaths of the GOP grassroots, particularly as amplified by the conservative media."

McCain told the Kunhardts he wanted to be portrayed as a human being, and not to avoid his warts. His ex-wife and daughter from his first marriage spoke of their hurt when McCain turned to his current wife, Cindy. McCain later regretted speaking out in favor of the Confederate flag during his bitter 2000 South Carolina primary campaign against George W. Bush.

Scenes cut from 'Show Dogs' over resemblance to sexual abuse

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two scenes are being cut from the family movie "Show Dogs" after complaints that they resemble real-life sexual abuse, the movie's distributor has announced.

In the movie, a police dog goes undercover at a dog show to catch animal smugglers.

In one scene, the dog is told to go to his "zen place" when he objects to having his testicles touched by a show judge.

In another scene, the dog is urged to overcome his resistance to being touched to become a champion.

Parenting bloggers first raised objections to the scenes, which they said resemble tactics used by abusers.

"During the movie, I kept thinking, 'This is wrong, it doesn't need to be in a kids movie," wrote blogger Terina Maldonado. "Everything else in the movie is good fun except for this.'"

Distributor Global Road Entertainment said in a statement Wednesday it "decided to remove two scenes from the film 'Show Dogs' that some have deemed not appropriate for children."

The statement added: "We apologize to anybody who feels the original version of 'Show Dogs' sent an inappropriate message. The revised version of the film will be available for viewing nationwide starting this weekend."

Maldonado said she was especially disturbed that her daughter said one of the scenes was her favorite part of the movie.

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation had also objected to the scenes, and urged that they be cut.

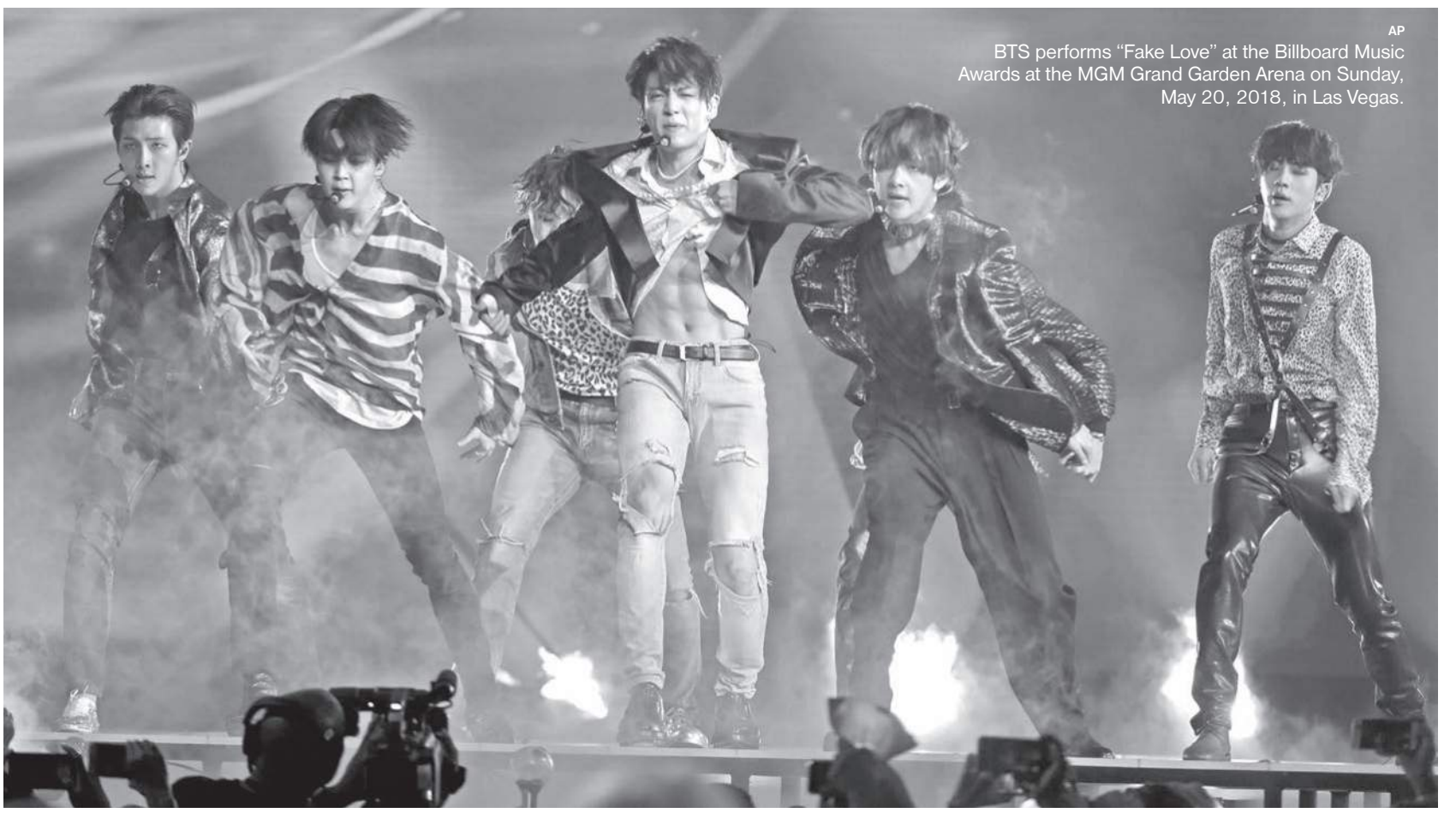
The film starring Will Arnett and the voice of Ludacris was released last weekend and was the No. 6 film at the box office after earning $6 million.

BTS first K-pop band to top Billboard album charts

NEW YORK (AP)—K-pop has finally hit the top.

The South Korean boy band BTS is now the first K-pop group to reach No. 1 on the Billboard top 200. "Love Yourself: Tear" sold 135,000 units for the week ending May 24, as tallied by Nielsen Music. According to Billboard, "Love Yourself: Tear" is also the first primarily foreign language album to top the charts since Il Divo's "Ancora" in 2006.

The seven-member group, also known as the Bangtan Boys, has a devoted core of fans known as "the army" and its appeal has been likened to Beatlemania in the 1960s. BTS is at the heart of a global trend known as "Hallyu," or "Korean Wave." Their albums include "Dark & Wild" and "2 Kool 4 Skool."



AP
BTS performs "Fake Love" at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, May 20, 2018, in Las Vegas.

Power outage strands roller coaster riders at amusement park

SANDUSKY, Ohio (AP)—A power outage at an amusement park in Ohio has left riders stranded on some of its roller coasters and other rides for about two hours.

A spokesman for Cedar Point in Sandusky says the park lost power Monday afternoon when a car hit a utility pole.

Photos shared on social media by people at the park along Lake Erie show riders stuck on a train going up the 300-foot-tall (91-meter) Millennium Force roller coaster. Park employees were helping people off of the rides.

Crews were able to restore power within about two hours.

From snipers to moms: World War II exhibit focuses on women

NATICK, Mass. (AP)—The terrors of World War II impacted most of the world's women, both on the home and battlefronts.

A new exhibition opening Friday at the International Museum of World War II in Natick, Massachusetts, highlights just that—the important and sometimes unconventional roles women took on during the war.

"It's about the human story," founder Kenneth Rendell explains. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase and honor women's service to the war effort."

"Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" is composed of more than 100 artifacts from the U.S., Soviet Union, Germany, Japan, France and Great Britain.

For many women, wartime was about more than rationing food for their families.

In the Soviet Union, 400,000 women drafted as "Red Army girls" filled roles as doctors and even snipers. One photograph shows paranurses jumping out of a plane into a war zone, strapped with medical supplies to save wounded soldiers.

Kathryn Bernheim became one of 27 American women chosen by the Army Air Force in 1942 to ferry planes in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service program. As a civilian with more than 1,000 hours of flight experience, Bernheim flew aircraft like the P-47 Thunderbolt, relieving men for combat flying until politics ended the program in 1944. The exhibit showcases her flight jacket, dress uniform and a photo of a smiling Bernheim looking at a map.

Not all women had such dramatic roles, but millions across the U.S. served as postal workers, trash collectors and manufacturers, roles previously held by men.

A 1945 photograph shows 24-year-old Fern Corbett "pinch-hitting as a window washer" 10 floors above a Minneapolis street—a far cry from her original job as the company's stenographer.

Some women could not risk being as visible in their daring new roles. Female members of the French resistance would load forbidden radios and weapons into the secret compartment of a baby carriage, like one showcased in the collection, risking their lives walking past Nazi occupiers.

Also included in the exhibit is a light green uniform labelled "Lebensborn." The frock was worn by women associated with the Nazi group tasked with raising the birth rate of Aryan children. The women worked at centers that provided free health care to unmarried mothers often impregnated by SS officers. Many children were adopted by other SS members and their families.

The philosophy of women dedicating their bodies and minds to the Third Reich is even more apparent in three swastika-emblazoned crosses. Women who bore four to five children received a bronze cross; six to seven a silver. Those who birthed eight or more children received a golden cross from Adolf Hitler.

"The Nazis wanted women to be wives and mothers. You see photos of women doing outdoor tasks in great physical shape—this was not so they could fight, but so they could bear children," says Sue Wilkins, the museum's education director.

Man must choose between wife and pregnant mistress

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 13 years and have two beautiful children. I recently found out that for the last two years, he has been having an affair, and his mistress is now three months pregnant.

When I confronted him about the situation, he claimed he doesn't know what to do. I have told him I'm willing to work things out and be supportive of the child, but the affair has to stop. The problem is, he's having a hard time letting go. He says he's in love with both of us.

I love my husband deeply and do not want to throw it all away for a mistake that I, too, once made. I know his mistress wants to be with him and has been slowly working her way into his life. Please give me some advice.

LOST IN LOVE IN HOUSTON

DEAR LOST: Insist that you and your husband talk with a licensed marriage and family therapist to see if you can get your marriage back on track. While it may be possible to be in love with two women at the same time, here in the USA plural marriage is frowned upon.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 53-year-old man, twice divorced, raising a 16-year-old son as a single parent. I have been dating a woman with the same history, but her children are grown. Both of us are alcoholics. We are best friends, or at least drinking buddies. At least, we were.

Recently, she has experienced the deaths of a sibling and her ex-husband. Now she feels I don't give her enough attention. How can I convince her that I love her more than ever, but my free time needs to go to my son? In the past, our bar time would suffice, but lately she needs more. What should I do?

SHE WANTS MORE IN OHIO

DEAR SHE WANTS: I understand your drinking buddy wants more, but your first responsibility must be to your teenaged son. She may not like what I have to say, but I hope you will take it to heart. You would be a better father—and a better partner, if you're so inclined—if you were sober. Alcoholics Anonymous can help you achieve sobriety if you reach out to them. You can find a meeting online at aa.org. Then, be a "best friend" to your lady by telling her she could find the support and companionship she's desperate to experience by attending meetings at AA herself. Perhaps you could attend together instead of going to the bar. It would be a win-win for all three of you.

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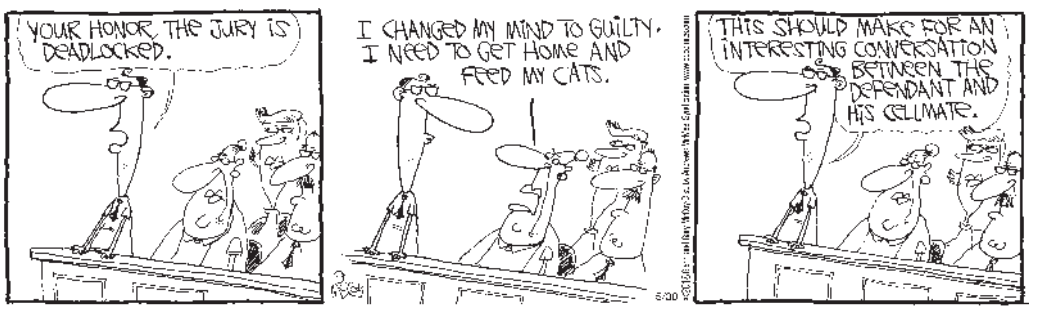
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14 Tibia's place
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36 "Gosh!"
37 Not so hot?
39 Plastic wallet item
41 Slow mover
43 Sir's counterpart
44 Pester
46 More pleasant
50 French Open surface
55 Boxing legend
56 Gaucho's weapon
57 "Do — others ..."
58 Fish propeller
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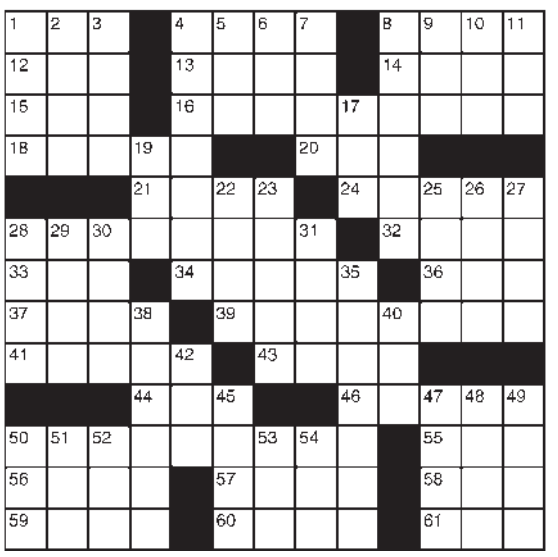

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take part in outside interests. Distance yourself from anyone putting demands on you. Be direct when dealing with people asking for something. Don't take over or take on something you don't have time for. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Remain silent when it comes to conversations that might reveal your financial, legal or medical situation. The less others know, the easier it will be for you to take care of important matters without interference. Stabilize a romantic situation. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Talks will lead to actions. Don't sit back when you should be making a difference that will impact your life. Start the ball rolling and don't stop until you reach your goal. Physical challenges will help build strength and stamina. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Personal changes will turn out well if you let your creative imagination take over. Relationships will undergo an adjustment that will change your life. Children, friendships and elders will play a role when it comes to making a decision. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Think before you end up in a compromising position. If your objective is to have a little fun, find a way to do so without being excessive or inconsiderate. Focus on health, personal relationships and living within your means. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Listen carefully and document what's going on around you. Someone will mislead you or withhold information that can cause an emotional situation to fester. Take the high road and enforce positive thought and integrity in everything you do. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Be open to suggestions, but gather your own research and facts. The time and effort you put in will ensure that someone trying to control or manipulate you will not take advantage of you. Trust your judgment. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Settle into whatever it is you are trying to accomplish. Give your undivided attention to doing the best you can and to finishing what you start. Your effort will not go unnoticed, and an unusual reward will be offered. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Face whatever comes your way. Don't take anyone's word or leave personal decisions up to someone else. Your involvement will be necessary if you want situations to unfold fairly. Focus on alternative methods when dealing with health and finance. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Observe what other people do, but don't follow suit. You are better off biding your time and making decisions that will add to your security and stability, not tear it apart. Do your own thing and don't look back. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Stick close to home and make changes that will require you to use your physical and mental attributes to alter your current personal situation. Know what you want; don't stop until you have made it happen. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Stick close to home, and don't share personal information. Problems with a friend, relative or communications in general will leave you in an uncertain position. Concentrate on yourself and the physical changes you'd like to make. ✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Wawrinka, Azarenka knocked out in first round

PARIS (AP)— Like Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka is a past French Open champion still working his way back into form after surgery.

Like Djokovic, Wawrinka is ranked lower than he has been in more than a decade. And like Djokovic, Wawrinka recently reunited with a coach who helped guide him to success earlier in his career.

Both men were in first-round action at Roland Garros on Monday, but unlike Djokovic, who won in straight sets, Wawrinka could not summon and sustain the sort of high-level play that has carried him to major titles in Paris and elsewhere. Returning to a place where he won the title in 2015 and made it back to the final a year ago, Wawrinka bowed out with a 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 loss to 67th-ranked Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain.

"I won three Grand Slams in my career, and I know what it takes to do it," said Wawrinka, who was seeded 23rd and is ranked only 30th, territory unfamiliar to him since April 2008. "And my goal is to get to my top. Sooner or later, I will."

Wawrinka only recently returned to the tour after missing three months to rest his left knee, which was operated on twice last August.

As Monday's match stretched to 31/2 hours, Wawrinka was hindered by the physical strain of playing in a fifth set for the first time since his French Open semifinal victory over Andy Murray a year ago. But that wasn't the biggest impediment to success.

"It was more the difficulty of continuing to go for it mentally," he explained.

The owner of one of the prettiest one-handed backhands in the sport, Wawrinka only managed 12 winners, compared with 35 unforced errors, with that shot. He finished with 72 unforced errors in all.

"There is no frustration. It's just tough," said the 33-year-old Wawrinka.

Djokovic – a former No. 1 now ranked 22nd, his worst spot since 2006 – beat 134th-ranked qualifier Rogerio Dutra Silva of Brazil 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, quickly recovering after dropping the opening two games.

Since winning the 2016 French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, Djokovic has taken a step back.

He has not added another major championship since, and after dealing with right elbow trouble for more than a year, he finally opted for surgery in February.

The third past men's champion on the schedule for Day 2, No. 1-seeded Rafael Nadal, did not complete his match, which was suspended because of rain.

Meanwhile, former top-ranked player Victoria Azarenka also bowed out of the in the first round, as she was beaten by Katerina Siniakova, 7-5, 7-5.

AP

Switzerland's Stan Wawrinka serves against Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, Monday, May 28, 2018.

Azarenka, a semifinalist in Paris five years ago, is currently ranked 84th after giving birth to a son in December 2016.

After a poor clay-court campaign punctuated by early exits in Madrid and Rome, the two-time Grand Slam champion was unable to turn things around against the 54th-ranked Siniakova.

She hit 38 unforced errors on the remote Court 18.

Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki is into the second round after a 7-6 (2), 6-1 win over debutant Danielle Collins.

The second-seeded Wozniacki, who claimed her maiden Grand Slam title in Australia in January, delivered a solid display punctuated by only a few mistakes to move past her up-and-coming American rival. Collins came to prominence in March when she reached the semifinals at Miami as a qualifier, but her recent results on clay have been more modest.

Wozniacki said having won a Grand Slam title helped her take a "much more relaxed approach" to her match.

Verlander, Astros shut down Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Verlander tamed the Yankees again, slowing down the highest-scoring team in the majors and pitching the Houston Astros past New York 5-1 Monday.

Verlander exited in the seventh inning with a major league-best 1.11 ERA. J.D. Davis hit an early three-run homer and Jose Altuve had a solo drive, helping Houston win for the sixth time in eight games.

Davis hit his first homer of the season, connecting in the second off Domingo German (0-3).

Closer Ken Giles, tagged Sunday as the Astros blew a five-run lead in the ninth at Cleveland, pitched the final inning and worked around a leadoff single.

Facing the only club in baseball that hasn't been shut out this season, Verlander (7-2) blanked the Yankees until Greg Bird hit a leadoff home run in the seventh.

As he left, Verlander took off his cap and waved it toward a solid contingent of Astros fans wearing bright orange behind the dugout.

Nationals 6, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Anthony Rendon hit a three-run homer to back a sharp pitching performance by Gio Gonzalez, and surging Washington beat Baltimore.

Gonzalez (6-2) allowed six hits over 7 2/3 innings to end a six-game losing streak against Baltimore.

Braves 4, Mets 3, 1st Game
Mets 8, Braves 5, 2nd Game

In Atlanta, Luis Guillorme broke a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single, Amed Rosario had three RBI and New York beat Atlanta to split a day-night doubleheader that was delayed more than 3+ hours by rain.

The victory snapped a four-game skid and moved the Mets to 26-25 after they fell to .500 for the first time this season. Jeurys Familia closed out the nightcap at about 1:30 a.m.

Indians 9, White Sox 6

In Cleveland, Edwin Encarnacion homered and had four RBI, and Cleveland took advantage of Chicago's leaky defense to score five times in the fifth inning.

Encarnacion tied the game in the fifth with a three-run bloop double. Yonder Alonso's double drove in the go-ahead run later in the inning and Encarnacion hit a leadoff homer in the seventh.

Mariners 2, Rangers 1

In Seattle, Marco Gonzales pitched into the seventh inning and did not allow an earned run for a third consecutive start, helping Seattle top Texas.

Seattle won for the ninth time in 10 games and reached 13 games above .500 for the first time since late in the 2014 season.

Brewers 8, Cardinals 3

Milwaukee, Jonathan Villar and Christian Yelich homered, while Ryan Braun had three hits to lead Milwaukee.

Milwaukee starter Brent Suter (5-3) allowed three runs in five innings, but hit a two-run double in the fourth that gave Milwaukee a 4-0 lead.

Cubs 7, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Mike Montgomery pitched two-hit ball into the sixth inning, Anthony Rizzo went 3 for 4 with a home run and three RBI, and the sleep-deprived Cubs beat slumping Pittsburgh.

Montgomery (1-1) retired the first 13 batters before giving up a sharp single to Corey Dickerson with one out in the fifth.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 3

In Boston, Andrew Benintendi hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run fourth inning, J.D. Martinez added a solo homer and Boston coasted.

Benintendi also had a triple and single, and Jackie Bradley Jr. added an RBI double, scored twice and made a spectacular catch in center field. Boston won for the seventh time in nine games.

Diamondbacks 12, Reds 5

In Phoenix, Nick Ahmed, Chris Owings and John Ryan Murphy each homered as Arizona's offense—slumbering for nearly all of May—came alive for a victory over the Cincinnati Reds, just the Diamondbacks' third win in their past 18 games.

Ahmed and Owings each had a three-run home run in the opener of a six-game homestand after Arizona staggered back from a 1-8 road trip.

Tigers 9, Angels 3

In Detroit, James McCann hit a grand slam in the third inning and Detroit routed Los Angeles.

Matthew Boyd (3-4) allowed two hits in five-plus innings for the Tigers. His first scoreless outing of the season came on a hot day in which Detroit outfielder Niko Goodrum had to leave the game because of heat exhaustion.

Rays 1, Athletics 0, 13 innings

In Oakland, Mallex Smith hit an RBI single with two outs in the 13th inning, Jonny Venters got his first save in seven years to cap a seven-hit shutout and Tampa Bay outlasted Oakland.

Marlins 7, Padres 2

In San Diego, Caleb Smith was brilliant in dominating a matchup of rookie left-handers, Yadiel Rivera's two-run single capped Miami's four-run first inning, and Cameron Maybin had three hits and two RBI against his old team to lead the Marlins to a victory against San Diego.

Rockies 6, Giants 5, 10 innings

In Denver, Chris Iannetta drove in the winning run with a single in the 10th inning and Colorado beat San Francisco in a game delayed 55 minutes by rain.

It was Iannetta's eighth career walk-off RBI and first since May 11, 2016, with Seattle.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 4

In Los Angeles, Yasmani Grandal singled home the go-ahead run and the Dodgers scored three times in the eighth inning to rally past Philadelphia, spoiling Phillies manager Gabe Kapler's return to Los Angeles.

The Dodgers handed the Phillies their fourth straight loss at Chavez Ravine dating to last season.

Twins 8, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Miguel Sano belted a two-run homer, Eddie Rosario hit a three-run double and Minnesota snapped a four-game skid with a victory over Kansas City.

Lance Lynn (3-4) pitched six effective innings to win his second consecutive start.

Warriors win, reach 4th straight NBA Finals

HOUSTON (AP)—Stephen Curry and Golden State turned all those Houston bricks into a road back to the NBA Finals.

Needing not only all their firepower but also 27 straight misses by the Rockets during an epic cold streak from 3-point range, the Warriors rallied to keep alive their hopes for a repeat.

Kevin Durant scored 34 points, Curry sparked another third-quarter turnaround, and the Warriors earned a fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals by beating the Rockets 101-92 in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals on Monday night.

The defending champions trailed by as many as 15 in the first half after falling behind 17 in Game 6.

"We know we can make an 11-point lead evaporate with two minutes of good basketball," Klay Thompson said.

Curry, who finished with 27 points, scored 14 of Golden State's 33 points in the third quarter as Houston's shooting didn't just go cold, it froze. The Rockets missed all 14 3-point attempts in that quarter as part of a 1-for-21 second half from long range.

Curry said someone asked him after the victory if it's still special to get to the finals when it's the fourth time in a row.

"Yes," he said, "because it's really hard."

The Warriors will host LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 on Thursday night in the fourth straight matchup between the teams.

James Harden had 32 points as the top-seeded Rockets' bid to return to the finals for the first time since 1995 fell short without Chris Paul, who was nursing a hamstring injury.

"We just didn't have that extra juice that we needed," Harden said.

The Rockets fell apart in the second half again after doing so in Game 6. The Warriors outscored Houston 122-63 in the second half of the final two games.

"It's amazing how long the NBA game is," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "Forty-eight minutes, it lasts a long time and there's so many opportunities to get yourself going as a team. And with our team, there's just so much firepower that at some point, we're going to get going."

The Rockets finished 7 of 44 on 3-pointers, with Trevor Ariza missing all nine of his attempts, Eric Gordon going 2 for 12 and Harden making just 2 of 13.

Houston was behind by 13 after a 3 by Curry and had missed 27 straight 3-pointers when P.J. Tucker hit one from the corner to cut the lead to 89-79 midway through the quarter.

It was their first 3-pointer since one by Gordon with about 6 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter that put the Rockets up 42-28 during a woeful Warriors start.

"We were lucky to escape out of here," Kerr said.

Tucker's 3 was the first of seven straight points for Houston which cut the lead to 89-83.

But Durant scored six points in a 9-2 spurt after that which left the Warriors 97-85 with about three minutes to go.

Houston finally found a little offense after that, using a 7-2 run to cut it to 99-92, but their rally bid came up short.

Thompson added 19 for Golden State after scoring 35 in the Game 6 win and the Warriors got a fourth straight start from Kevon Looney with Andre Iguodala sitting out again with a bone bruise on his left leg.

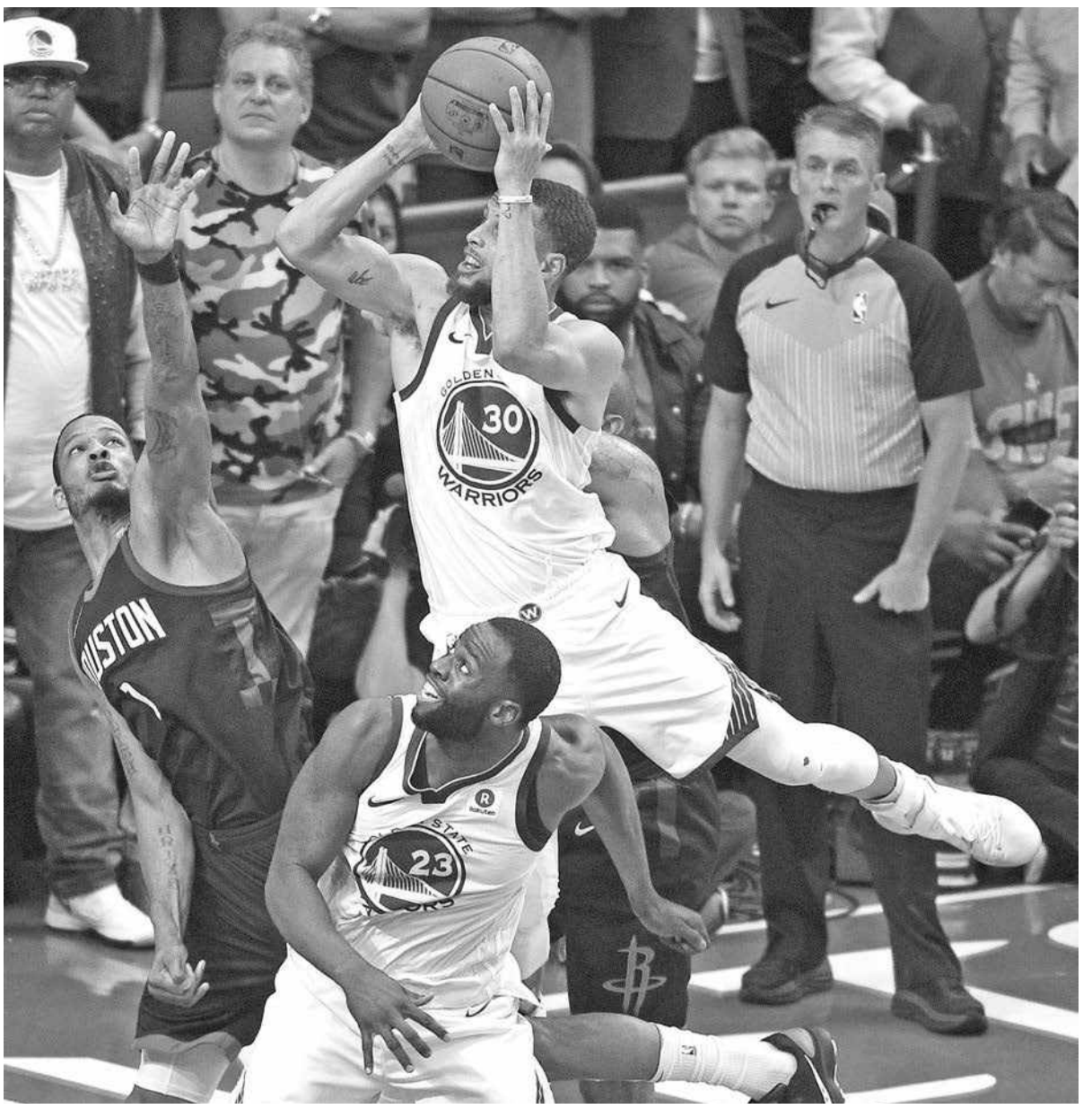
After being down by 10 at halftime of Game 6, the Warriors trailed by 11 entering the third quarter on Monday night. Golden State opened the third quarter with a 10-4 run to cut the lead to 58-53 after a 3-pointer by Nick Young with about eight minutes left in the quarter.

Tucker made one of two free throws and the teams exchanged layups before Golden State scored nine straight points, with two 3s from Curry, to take a 64-61 lead.

Harden made two free throws before Curry scored eight points in a row, highlighted by a 3-pointer which bounced high off the rim before falling back in, to make it 72-63 with just over two minutes left in the quarter.

Golden State scored 33 points in the third quarter for the second straight game while Houston managed just 15 points on Monday night after it scored 16 in the third in Game 6.

Curry went to the locker room with trainers between the first and second quarters, but returned to the bench with about 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter and soon returned to the game. Thompson picked up his third foul with about 8 1/2 minutes left in the first quarter and sat out most of the period. Draymond Green had 10 points, 13 rebounds and five assists.



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Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) drives to the basket as Houston Rockets forward Trevor Ariza, left, defends and Warriors' Draymond Green (23) watches during the second half of Game 7 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Finals, Monday, May 28, 2018, in Houston. The Warriors won, 101-92.

Warriors open as heavy favorites versus Cavaliers

LeBron James has never been this big of an underdog in the Finals.

The Golden State Warriors have been installed as overwhelming favorites over James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the fourth straight Finals meeting between the two teams. This year's matchup is expected to be the most lopsided.

The Westgate SuperBook in Las Vegas opened Golden State as a -1,000 favorite to win the best-of-seven series, which tips off Thursday. The Warriors are the largest Finals favorites in at least 16 seasons, according to odds database Sportsoddshistory.com

Cleveland opened as a 650 underdog against the Warriors in the series. The Cavaliers were around 360 underdogs against the San Antonio Spurs in 2007, James' first trip to the Finals.

The Warriors opened as 12-point favorites in Game 1. That's tied for the largest point spread in a Finals game since 1991, according to ESPN Stats & Information. The Los Angeles Lakers were 12-point favorites over the Philadelphia 76ers in Game 1 of the 2001 Finals.

Golden State never opened as anywhere close to this big of favorite in the previous three Finals meetings with Cleveland. The Warriors were around -300 over the Cavaliers in last year's Finals. Golden State won that series four games to one.

The Cavaliers were only 180 underdogs when they upended Golden State in the 2016 Finals.

Both teams had to survive Game 7s on the road in the conference finals. The Cavaliers won at Boston on Saturday, and the Warriors came from behind to beat the Houston Rockets on Sunday to set up another Finals showdown.

James has been an underdog in seven of his nine Finals appearances. He has won three titles.

Celtics' Ainge: Prepared to stand pat this summer, maybe

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP)—Danny Ainge tore apart the team that made the Eastern Conference finals last year, and then put together a new roster that came one victory from playing for an NBA title.

This summer may present him with an even bigger challenge: standing pat.

With Gordon Hayward and Kyrie Irving coming back from injuries to join fellow All-Star Al Horford and young stars Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum, the Boston Celtics general manager doesn't really need to do much to give the NBA's most-decorated franchise a chance at its 18th title.

And that's not really in Ainge's nature.

"I like this group of guys," he said Monday, a day after the Celtics lost Game 7 of the conference finals to the Cleveland Cavaliers. "We're not looking to make changes, other than a handful of tweaks."

But he also said: "You never know what opportunities will present themselves."

The Celtics finished with the No. 1 seed in the East in 2017, but the five-game loss to the Cavaliers in the conference finals reinforced what Ainge already suspected: that that team was not going to take the next step.

He went after Hayward (and, unsuccessfully, Kevin Durant), then won the draft lottery.

It still wasn't enough.

When Irving asked the Cavaliers to trade him, Ainge pounced, giving up fan favorite Isaiah Thomas in a package that left Boston with 11 new players. (He also wheeled the No. 1 overall pick to Philadelphia for a future No. 1 and the right to draft Tatum—the player he says he really wanted.)

Despite losing Hayward in the first quarter of the season opener, and Irving in March, the Celtics had home-court advantage for Game 7 and led the Cavaliers with six minutes left in the fourth quarter. But with the Celtics shooters turning ice cold, LeBron James proved to be too much, amassing 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists while playing every second of the game.

"The farther you go in the playoffs, the more difficult it is to lose," Ainge said. "It was one of those games we lost that we should have won. That's going to eat at all of us for a while."

But the team's performance in the playoffs also gave the Celtics reason to believe that this team may be good enough to contend for the title. And with the two injured All-Stars returning, this summer doesn't have to be like last summer.

"Last year, we didn't know all that stuff was going to happen, but we do feel we have a bright future with this team," Horford said. "It's something we're all looking forward to. We can't think about `what could have been.' But when Kyrie is on our team, we're at another level."

The biggest issue for the Celtics this year is holding onto guard Marcus Smart, who is a restricted free agent and expected to draw offers of $12 million to $14 million. Ainge said the team is willing to pay the luxury tax if that's what it takes to build a contender.

Back-to-back for Camacho; Zapanta triumphs in May Masters

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Ruselle Zapanta, fourth left, and Janice Camacho, fifth left, pose for a photo with other winners in the 36th CNMI-SBC May Masters Tournament during the awards ceremony at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort last Sunday.

Janice Camacho had a repeat in the women's division, while Ruselle Zapanta topped the men's field in the 36th CNMI-SBC May Masters Tournament held over the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Camacho ruled anew her category after collecting 1,985 pins in 12 games for an average of 165.42. She prevailed again against last year's runner-up Diana Camacho (1,966 total and 163.83 average), while another veteran bowler Elena Soll (1,954) and Georgia Satoshi (1,952) rounded out the Top 4, which took home cash prizes last Sunday during the awards ceremony at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort. The Top 3 in the women's category that drew 13 other bowlers, also received trophies.

Janice, who defeated Diana by 67 pins last year, 2,070-2,003, secured the win after recording 160 pins in Game 2 against the 126 of Diana. Janice had her best performance in Game 2 after earning 200 pins, while her scores in 10 other games were 159, 153, 182, 191, 152, 139, 143, 122, 193, and 191. Diana settled for another runner-up finish after she slowed down in the last three games, posting 188, 148, and 126 to average 163.83. Soll registered her best score in Game 9 (202), but had an up and down performance in the first eight games. Satoshi's highest score, on the other hand, was 191 in Game 6.

In the men's division, Zapanta posted at least 200 pins in six games for a field-best 2,386 total and average of 198.83. He started the tournament with a 191, had three straight 200 and plus (201, 203, and 200) and did the same in Games 9 to 11 (227, 235, and 212). Zapanta then tallied 185 and 179 in the last two games, while his other scores were 191, 188, and 173 (Games 5 to 7).

Simon Manacop placed second, moving up a few notches higher in the ranking after his 206 and 204 in the last two games. He recorded the best single game score in the tournament with his 245 in Game 9 and collected 2,337 pins for an average of 194.75.

Completing the Top 5 in the men's field and getting cash prizes at the Budweiser and SBC-sponsored tournament were Raul Dumapit (2,253), Robert Talavera (2,252), and Rusty Musca (2, 241). Twelve other bowlers competed in the men's division, including Guam's JD Castro and last year's winner Aaron Elliot. Castro was ranked ninth with his 2,143 pins, while Elliot landed at No. 11 after posting 2,080.

FIFA calls 2026 World Cup candidates for meeting in Zurich

ZURICH (AP)—FIFA's bid inspectors will hold a meeting in Zurich on Wednesday with the North American and Moroccan candidates hoping to host the 2026 World Cup.

Officials from the joint United States-Canada-Mexico team and Morocco are invited to answer questions from a FIFA-appointed panel evaluating their bids ahead of the June 13 vote, FIFA said Monday.

No date is set to publish the evaluation reports ahead of the vote by up to 207 FIFA member federations in Moscow.

Though voters are not obliged to factor the reports into their choice, FIFA put a more rigorous assessment system in place after criticism of the 2018-2022 World Cup hosting votes in December 2010.

Then, some FIFA executive committee members did not read or ignored in-house technical reports which identified eventual winners Russia Qatar as the highest-risk options among nine candidates.

FIFA's bidding rules now allow the unlikely prospect of its five-man task force disqualifying a candidate for a low evaluation score.

While all the North American venues are in place for a 48-team, 80-game tournament, Morocco's bid plan calls for building or renovating 14 stadiums and more than 100 training bases.

The FIFA panel made three-day visits to tour parts of both bidders' projects in April, and Morocco was visited a second time to clarify more details.

Both candidates must be formally approved by FIFA's ruling council at a June 10 meeting in Moscow to get on the ballot paper.

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George Lieto Jr., Syl Teregeyo, Derrick Rangamar, Jimmy Blancia, Jon Tilipao, Danny Agulto, Kelvin Fitial, Jacob Yamagishi, Anthony Quitugua, Alex Standish, Alvin Takai, Kenneth Taintingfong, Trey Aiken, Ben Lisua, Tim Asaivao, Misionare Tuitama'i, Pete Lizama, Bill Grow II, Neemia Vaiagae, Charleston Aiken, Paul Camacho, Malani Raaas, Slade Adelbai, Eugene Sablan, Vince Terry, Franko Bondoc, Herman Guerrero, Ropati Tonuu, Prince Diaz, and Jeff Norita.

After the win, Blanco said the team will take a breather from playing and discuss what's next for them.

"We will get together as a team and talk about more games and also bolster the team leadership by bringing more of the guys into the decision making. We have a lot of potential leaders on this team and hope to see them step up and take ownership of this team moving forward," the head coach added.

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of the men's squad.

"The NMI men's national team is made up of mostly the men's crew members of the Marianas Outrigger Canoe Club (MOC), while Joshua Andrew is a member of the Saipan Paddling Club's men's team. The team is stacked with seasoned paddlers who have competed and made headlines in regional competitions recently. The team is also comprised of returning members of the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei and the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea," Justin added.

The squad has been preparing for the Micro Games for the last six months, mixing up their land-based workout with ocean-based training regimen. They train three times a week and early morning before reporting for work, according to the NMNPSF head.

As for the women's side, the squad practices four times a week and has also been training in the last six months. Shelli Neal, Arielle Buyum, Kristine Falig, Maria Ornes, Elizabeth Tenorio, Victoria Camama Saures, Lorenza Aldan, and Mayiah Duenas are the members of the team, which will be coached by Justin Andrew. Ed Johnson is the group's assistant coach.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the CNMI women's national canoe squad gather for a photo before heading to the waters off Kilili Beach Park to train.

Justin said it will be the first time since 2006 that the CNMI is fielding a women's team in the Micronesian Games' outrigger canoe competition.

"The women's team is made up of mostly the crew members of Marianas Pacific Paddlers, while Kristine Falig is from Saipan Paddling Club, and Mayiah Duenas is the youngest member of the team and from the Napu Outrigger Canoe Club's junior girls squad," Justin said.

"Although many of them have not had high level exposure to paddling competitions, such as Micronesian Games or the Pacific Games, they come with passion and determination to make the CNMI proud. Many of the women's crew members have competed in numerous local outrigger races, including the popular region outrigger paddling competition, the Micronesia Cup, that attracts paddlers from Palau, Guam, Hongkong, Australia, and Japan," he added.

Both the men's and women's canoe teams are asking for financial assistance for their trip to Yap, which will host the Micro Games from July 15 to 28.

"On behalf of the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation, we are most humbled and thankful to all our supporters, friends and families for all the support they have put in for our men's and women's national teams. Catch up with one of the members and buy tickets or make a generous donation to the teams," Justin said.

Donations can also be made through https://www.gofundme.com/support-cnmi-national-vaa-teams for the women's team and https://www.gofundme.com/marianas-outrigger-club for the men's crew.

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ers in the second frame, while Coby Santos and Dean Blake contributed two field goals each to give the Ol'Aces a double-digit lead at the break.

When the game resumed, the Ol'Aces protected their twin-digit margin and even padded their lead, 73-57, with Schmidt and company still on target.

The 670 Sonics could not make headway in the third quarter to cut the deficit to single digit, as their main gunner, Matt Duenas, was held to one field goal in the penultimate frame. No 670 Sonics player managed to earn more than 4 points in the third, as the team clearly missed their other scorers—Melvin Cadiang and Jaymark De Guzman, who are off-island and undergoing military training.

Duenas then regained his shooting touch in the fourth period and drew some help from his teammates, but the Ol'Aces countered every shot from the 670 Sonics with Schmidt teaming up with Pelisamen in sealing the win for their team.

Schmidt added 8 more points in the final canto to finish with 35 markers—his best output this season—while Pelisamen drilled 7 of the Ol'Aces last 11 markers to finish with 18. Blake and Marvin Rabauliman were the other double-figure scorers for the Ol'Aces after recording 12 and 11, respectively, while Duenas paced the 670 Sonics anew with his 19 markers.

Duenas was later named regular season MVP during the brief awards ceremony after Game 2, while Schmidt took the Finals MVP trophy.

The finals sweep against the Sonics gave the Ol'Aces a perfect record this season. They went 7-0 in the single-elimination regular season and then defeated the Chalan Kanoa Ballers and Genesis All-Stars to move into the finals.

Ol'Aces 101— Schmidt 35, Pelisamen 18, Blake 12, Rabauliman 11, Basa 6, Atan 4, Deleon Guerrero 4, Lizama 2.

670 Sonics 86 — M. Duenas 19, Ngeskebei 18, Rabasto 13, Aranda 11, Fidelino 8, Rafols 3, E. Duenas 3, Javier 3, Abobo 2, Ordona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-14, 54-42, 73-57, 101-86.

2018 Saipan Little League Baseball Majors Finals

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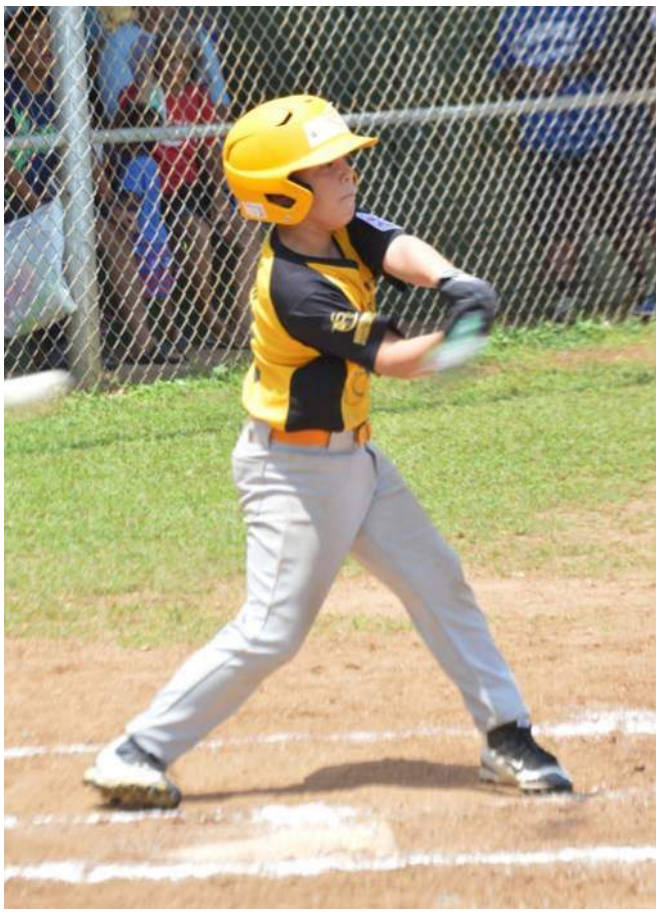
The Talaabwogh Falcons' Achilles Evangelista waits for the pitch from the Kagman Little Legals' G-Boy Pangelinan during their Majors division title game in the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball last Monday at Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Little Legals' G-Boy Pangelinan throws to first baseman Benji Palacios after picking up a grounder from the Falcons' De Andre Sablan.

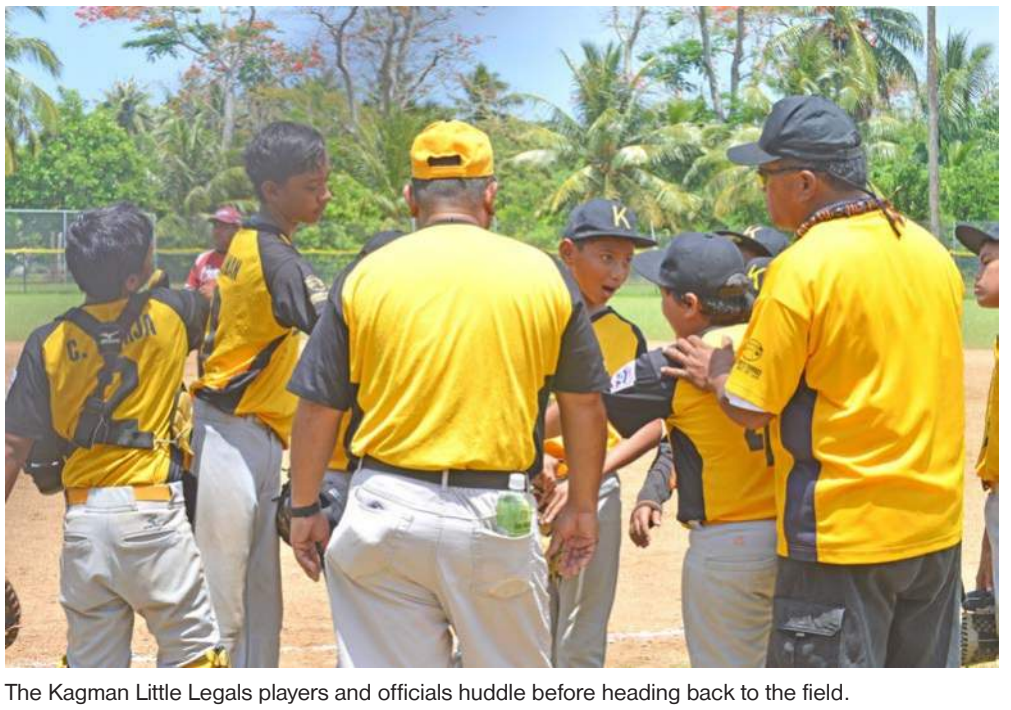
Little Legals first baseman Benji Palacios reacts after beating a Falcons runner.

The Falcons' Christopher Gonzales delivers a pitch.

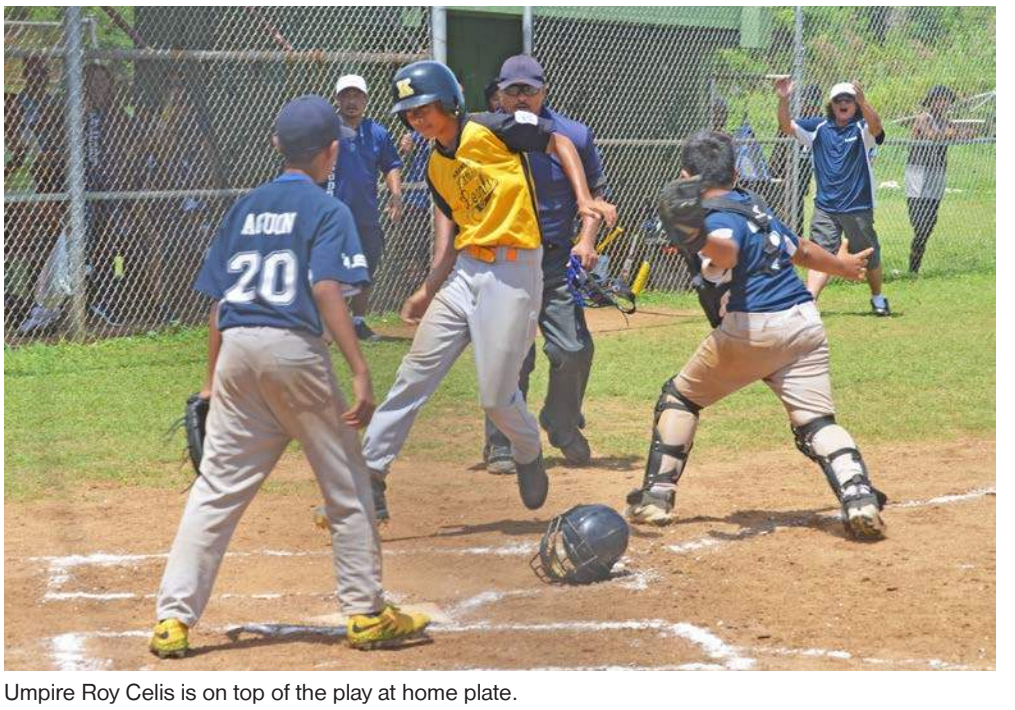


The Little Legals' Stanley Iakopo swings.

The Falcons' Mike Tomokane, left, runs back to first base, while the Little Legals' Benji Palacios waits for a throw from catcher Cardi Borja.



The Kagman Little Legals players and officials huddle before heading back to the field.



Umpire Roy Celis is on top of the play at home plate.

Wawrinka, Azarenka knocked out in first round

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Ol'Aces finish off 670 Sonics

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The Ol'Aces' Douglas Schmidt, right, drives past the 670 Sonics' Sean Rabasto, partly hidden, during Game 1 of their title series in the MIBF island-wide caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. The Ol'Aces stole Game 1, 84-83, and swept the Sonics after prevailing in Game 2 last Monday, 101-86.

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The Ol'Aces went for the kill, routing the 670 Sonics, 101-86, in Game 2 of their title series in the men's division of the 2018 MIBF Island-wide Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The convincing win came just a few days after the Ol'Aces eked out an 84-83 in Game 1 of the best-of-three championship duel.

While the Ol'Aces pulled off a come-from-behind victory in the opener, the newly crowned champions were in control of Game 2, beginning in the second quarter to finish the short series.

Douglas Schmidt stepped up for the Ol'Aces in the pivotal second canto, scoring 16 of the team's 38 points to turn a shaky 16-14 lead to a 54-42 halftime advantage. The Micronesian Games-bound Schmidt knocked in three triples in that scoring surge—making the Ol'Aces' first two baskets in the second canto from the parking lot and recording 7 straight points midway in the period.

Freddie Pelisamen, who was held to 9 points in Game 1, had 6 mark-

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Shutout win for CNMI Sharks

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CNMI Sharks quarterback Jerome Norita, left, scans the field before making a pass, while two Guam defenders close in on him during the second quarter of their game in the Marianas Bowl last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

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A well-prepared CNMI Sharks crushed Guam, 26-0, in the Marianas Bowl held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Quarterback Jerome Norita made three TD passes, feeding Isaiah Hartzler twice in the second quarter, while Ben Jones Jr. and Stewart Toilolo scored the two other TDs.

Jones broke the ice midway in the second canto with his TD reception. Hartzler then delivered back-to-back TDs off Norita's passes, while Vince Kaipat made the 2-point conversion of the former's second TD to give the CNMI Sharks a 20-0 halftime edge.

Then in the second half, Norita continued to set the direction for the CNMI Sharks and found his target in Stewart Toilolo in the third quarter for the home squad's fourth TD.

The John Blanco-coached CNMI Sharks then hung tough on defense in the remainder of the game to shut down Guam, which played short-handed against the loaded roster of the host team.

"Guam definitely underestimated our capabilities this time around and paid dearly for it. Our team was well prepared for this contest," said Blanco, whose squad lost to Guam, 14-16, in 2016.

"The team did excellent on both sides of the field because of the excellent play calling of offensive coordinator Garth Backe and defensive coordinator Vaeotootoo Failauga Jr," he added.

Joining Blanco, Backe, Failauga, Norita, Hartzler, Toilolo, Kaipat, and Jones on the winning team are

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Canoe teams named; support sought

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The Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation has selected the members of the CNMI men's and women's outrigger canoe teams that will compete in the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap.

NMNPSF president Justin Andrew, in an email sent to *Saipan Tribune*, said the men's crew is made up of Jose Quan, Rich Salas, James Lee, Jason Tarkong, Bobby Cruz, Joshua Andrew, Billy Grow, Maverick Itibus, and Dino Manning. Both Tarkong and Manning will serve as paddlers and coaches

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI men's national canoe team members pose for a photo before a training session at Kilili Beach Park last week.